

Supplementary Materials for

Fluoride, Bifluoride and Trifluoromethyl Complexes of Iridium(I) and Rhodium(I)

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X-ray crystallographic data for complexes ‡CCDC-1000750 (**1**), 1000751 (**3**), 1000752
(**5**), 1001354 (**6**), 1000753 (**7**), 1000754 (**8**), 1000755 (**9**), 1000756 (**11**), 1000757 (**13**).

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

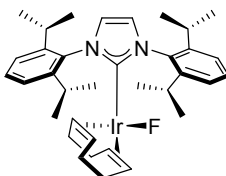
All manipulations and reactions were performed inside an Argon-filled Innovative Technologies glovebox or on an Argon-supplied Schlenk line unless stated otherwise. All reagents were supplied by Aldrich and used without further purification. Solvents were distilled and dried as required. NMR data was obtained using either a Bruker 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer at 303 K (unless stated otherwise) in the specified deuterated solvent. All chemical shifts are given in ppm and coupling constants in Hz. Signals on the $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra are singlets unless otherwise stated. Spectra were referenced to residual protonated solvent signals (for ^1H) or solvent signals (for ^{13}C): (C_6D_6 : ^1H δ 7.16 ppm, ^{13}C δ 128.06 ppm, CD_2Cl_2 ^1H δ 5.32 ppm, ^{13}C δ 53.84 ppm). Infrared spectra (ν) were recorded on a Shimadzu Fourier transform IR Affinity-1 Infrared spectrometer using a MIRacleTM single reflection horizontal ATR (diamond). Samples were placed directly on the crystal (ATR) in the solid state. Only characteristic peaks have been quoted. Elemental analyses were performed at the London Metropolitan University. Crystallographic data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Known compounds were prepared according to literature procedures: $[\text{M}(\text{cod})(\text{NHC})\text{Cl}]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Rh}/\text{Ir}$) were prepared from $[\text{M}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$ and the free NHC or $[\text{Ag}(\text{NHC})\text{Cl}]_2$ according to reported procedures.¹

$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{NHC})(\text{OH})]$ complexes were prepared according to reported procedures.²

$[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{NHC})(\text{OH})]$ complexes were prepared according to reported procedures.³

SYNTHETIC PROCEDURES AND CHARACTERISATION DATA



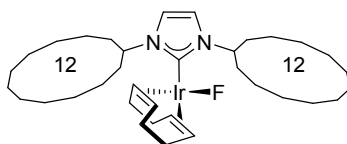
$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **1**

Method A: A vial was charged with $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{Cl})]$ (50 mg, 0.071 mmol) and AgF (43.8 mg, 0.35 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt in the

dark for 16 h. Once complete, pentane (1 mL) was added to the mixture and left to stand for 10 mins. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL), taken up in a mixture of THF (0.2 mL) and pentane (1 mL) and filtered through a PTFE syringe filter (0.2 μ m) to remove residual Ag compounds. The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(IPr)(F)] (**1**) (45 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid.

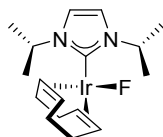
Method B: A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (20 mg, 0.028 mmol) and KHF₂ (6.6 mg, 0.085 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h. Once complete, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(IPr)(F)] (**1**) (20 mg, 99%) as a yellow solid.

Method C: A Schlenk tube was charged with [Ir(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (50 mg, 0.071 mmol) in benzene (1 mL). NEt₃.3HF (4.0 μ L, 0.024 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with hexane (2 x 1 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(IPr)(F)] (**1**) (35 mg, 70%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.51 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.7, *p*-ArH), 7.34 (d, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 7.7, *m*-ArH), 7.02 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 4.02 – 3.92 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.95 (sept., 4H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.64 – 2.58 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 2H, cod-CH₂), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 2H, cod-CH₂), 1.37 (d, 12H, ³J_{HH} = 6.7, CH₃), 1.28 – 1.18 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.10 (d, 12H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -221 (br.). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 183.6 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 146.9 (ArC), 136.3 (ArC), 129.9 (ArCH), 124.4 (ArCH), 123.9 (N-(CH)₂-N), 83.3 (d, ²J_{FC} = 4, cod-CH), 45.0 (d, ²J_{FC} = 4, cod-CH), 34.2 (cod-CH₂), 29.1 (CH(CH₃)₂), 28.4 (cod-CH₂), 26.3 (CH₃), 22.8 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 800.5 (s), 756.1 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₃₅H₄₈FIrN₂ (MW 707.98): C, 59.38; H, 6.83; N, 3.96. Found: C, 59.38; H, 6.97; N, 4.01.



[Ir(cod)(IDD)(F)] **2**

A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(IDD)(Cl)] (50.0 mg, 0.068 mmol) and AgF (43.0 mg, 0.34 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt in the dark for 16 h. Once complete, pentane (1 mL) was added to the mixture and left to stand for 10 mins. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL), taken up in a mixture of THF (0.2 mL) and pentane (1 mL) and filtered through a PTFE syringe filter (0.2 μm) to remove residual Ag compounds. The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(IDD)(F)] (**2**) (48 mg, 98%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.43 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.78 – 5.68 (m, 2H, N-CH(IDD)), 5.04 – 4.96 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.97 – 2.90 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.60 – 2.39 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 2H, IDD-CH₂), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 12H, IDD-CH₂), 1.52 – 1.17 (m, 30H, IDD-CH₂). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -219.7 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 182.0 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 117.0 (N-(CH)₂-N), 84.3 (cod-CH), 56.8 (cod-CH), 43.3 (N-CH(CH₃)₂), 35.1 (cod-CH₂), 32.5, 31.7, 29.5, 25.3, 25.1, 24.1, 23.8, 23.7, 23.5, 23.4, 23.3, 22.4. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₃₅H₆₀FIrN₂ (MW 720.09): C, 58.38; H, 8.40; N, 3.89. Found: C, 58.44; H, 8.48; N, 3.91.



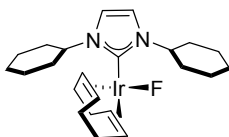
[Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(F)] **3**

Method A: A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(Cl)] (50.0 mg, 0.102 mmol) and AgF (65.0 mg, 0.512 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt in the dark for 16 h. Once complete, pentane (1 mL) was added to the mixture and left to stand for 10 mins. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL), taken up in a mixture of THF (0.2 mL) and pentane (1 mL) and filtered through a PTFE syringe filter

(0.2 μm) to remove residual Ag compounds. The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(I^{*i*}Pr)(F)] (**3**) (47 mg, 98%) as a yellow solid.

Method B: A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(I^{*i*}Pr)(OH)] (20 mg, 0.043 mmol) and KHF₂ (10.0 mg, 0.13 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h. Once complete, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(I^{*i*}Pr)(F)] (**3**) (15 mg, 74%) as a yellow solid.

Method C: A Schlenk tube was charged with [Ir(cod)(I^{*i*}Pr)(OH)] (100 mg, 0.213 mmol) in benzene (1 mL). NEt₃·3HF (12 μL , 0.07 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried to give [Ir(cod)(I^{*i*}Pr)(F)] (**3**) (97.9 mg, 97%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.28 (s, 2H, N-(CH₂)₂-N), 5.80 (sept., 2H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, N-CH(CH₃)₂), 5.10 – 4.97 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.96 – 2.87 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.45 – 2.22 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.80 – 1.58 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.21 (app. d, 6H, ³J_{HH} = 6.4 CH₃), 1.11 (app. d, 6H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, CH₃). **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -227 (br). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (75 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 180.7 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 116.2 (N-(CH₂)₂-N), 84.4 (cod-CH), 52.5 (cod-CH), 43.8 (N-CH(CH₃)₂), 34.9 (cod-CH₂), 29.5 (cod-CH₂), 24.3 (CH₃), 23.0 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 1413.8 (s), 1211.3 (s), 881.5 (w) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₁₇H₂₈FIrN₂ (MW 471.63): C, 43.29; H, 5.98; N, 5.94. Found: C, 43.23; H, 6.05; N, 6.05.



[Ir(cod)(ICy)(F)] **4**

A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(ICy)(Cl)] (50 mg, 0.088 mmol) and AgF (56 mg, 0.44 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt in the dark for 16 h. Once complete, pentane (1 mL) was added to the mixture and left to stand for 10 mins. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL), taken up in a mixture of THF (0.2 mL) and pentane (1 mL) and filtered through a PTFE syringe filter (0.2 μm)

to remove residual Ag compounds. The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(ICy)(F)] (**4**) (44 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.35 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.46 (tt, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 11.7, 3.6 N-CH(ICy)), 5.02 – 4.92 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.00 – 2.89 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.51 – 2.23 (m, 6H, cod-CH₂, ICy-CH₂), 1.94 – 1.81 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂), 1.81 – 1.02 (m, 18H, ICy-CH₂), 1.02 – 0.80 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (282 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -227 (s). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (75 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 181.2 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 116.6 (N-(CH)₂-N), 84.1 (cod-CH), 60.3 (cod-CH), 43.8 (N-CH(CH₃)₂), 35.1 (cod-CH₂), 34.4 (ICy-CH₂), 29.7 (cod-CH₂), 26.3, 25.7, 22.7, 14.3 (ICy-CH₂). **Anal. Calcd.** for C₂₃H₃₆FIrN₂ (MW 551.77): C, 50.07; H, 6.58; N, 5.08. Found: C, 49.96; H, 6.65; N, 5.12.

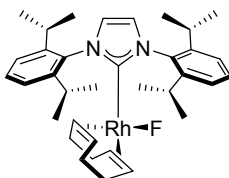


[Rh(cod)(ICy)F] **5**

Method A: A vial was charged with [Rh(cod)(ICy)(OH)] (20 mg, 0.032 mmol) and KHF₂ (8.0 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h. Once complete, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give [Rh(cod)(ICy)(F)] (**5**) (16 mg, 81%) as a yellow solid.

Method B: A Schlenk tube was charged with [Rh(cod)(ICy)OH] (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in benzene (1 mL). NEt₃·3HF (6.0 μ L, 0.036 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with pentane (2 x 1 mL) and dried to give [Rh(cod)(ICy)(F)] (**5**) (43 mg, 86%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.39 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.69 – 5.56 (m, 2H, NCH), 5.38 – 5.26 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.14 – 3.04 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.69 – 2.51 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂), 2.52 – 2.29 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.96 – 1.80 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂), 1.57 – 1.05 (m, 10H, ICy-CH₂), 1.05 – 0.85 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -257 (br, Rh-F). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 181.0 (Rh-C_{carbene}, from HMBC), 117.4 (N-(CH)₂-N), 98.0 (br, cod-CH), 62.3 (br, cod-CH), 60.8 (N-(CH)₂-N), 35.1 (ICy-CH₂), 34.6 (ICy-CH₂), 33.7 (cod-CH₂), 28.7 (cod-

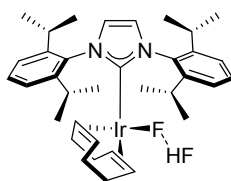
CH₂), 26.5 (ICy-CH₂), 26.4 (ICy-CH₂), 25.8 (ICy-CH₂). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 706.0 (s), 1990.2 (w, br), 2924.1 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₂₃H₃₆FRhN₂ (MW 462.45): C, 59.74; H, 7.85; N, 6.06. Found: C, 59.58; H, 7.66; N, 6.18.



[Rh(cod)(IPr)(F)] **6**

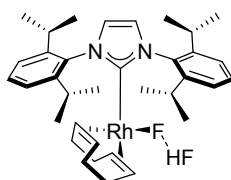
Method A: A Schlenk tube was charged with [Rh(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (50 mg, 0.081 mmol) in benzene (1 mL). NEt₃·3HF (4.5 μ L, 0.027 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with hexane (2 x 1 mL) and dried to give [Rh(cod)(IPr)(F)] (**6**) (41.5 mg, 83%) as a yellow solid.

Method B: A vial was charged with [Rh(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (20 mg, 0.032 mmol) and KHF₂ (8.0 mg, 0.098 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h. Once complete, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with cold pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried *in vacuo* to give [Rh(cod)(IPr)(F)] (**6**) (15.5 mg, 78%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.33 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.6, *p*-ArH), 7.25 (d, 4H, ³J_{HH} = 7.6, *m*-ArH), 6.57 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 4.96 – 4.75 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.39 – 3.08 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.04 – 2.85 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 1.99 – 1.76 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.52 (d, 12H, ³J_{HH} = 6.7, CH₃), 1.45 – 1.20 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.05 (d, 12H, ³J_{HH} = 6.9, CH₃). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (282 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -252.8 (d, ¹J_{RhF} = 77). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (75 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 189.1 (d, ¹J_{RhC} = 54, Rh-C_{carbene}), 147.2 (ArC), 136.7 (ArC), 130.1 (ArCH), 124.0 (N-(CH)₂-N), 123.9 (ArCH), 97.0 (d, ¹J_{RhC} = 5, cod-CH), 61.4 (d, ¹J_{RhC} = 15, cod-CH), 33.6 (cod-CH₂), 28.9 (CH(CH₃)₂), 28.2 (cod-CH₂), 26.5 (CH₃), 23.2 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 800.5 (s), 754.2 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₃₅H₄₈FRhN₂ (MW 618.67): C, 67.95; H, 7.82; N, 4.53. Found: C, 68.04; H, 7.76; N, 4.39.



[Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] **7**

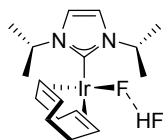
A Schlenk tube was charged with [Ir(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (400 mg, 0.57 mmol) in THF (2 mL). NEt₃·3HF (63 μ L, 0.38 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with pentane (3 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with hexane (3 x 2 mL) and dried to give [Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] (**7**) (384 mg, 93%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 11.32 (d, 1H, ¹*J*_{FH} = 395.0, F-HF), 7.27 (t, 2H, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.7, *p*-ArH), 7.17 (d, 4H, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.7, *m*-ArH), 6.49 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 4.67 – 4.57 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.04 (sept., 4H, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 1.75 – 1.58 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.50 (d, 12H, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.7, CH₃), 1.25 – 1.15 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.02 (d, 12H, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8, CH₃); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, 200K, CD₂Cl₂): δ 11.73 (app. dd, 1H, ¹*J*_{FH} = 395.0, ¹*J*_{FH} = 40.0, Ir-F-HF). **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -185.2 (br. d, ¹*J*_{HF} = 395, Ir-F-HF), -236.2 (br s., Ir-F-HF). **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, 200K, CD₂Cl₂): δ -177.9 (dd, ¹*J*_{HF} = 395, ²*J*_{FF} = 120, Ir-F-HF), -238.9 (dd, ²*J*_{FF} = 120, ¹*J*_{HF} = 40, Ir-F-HF). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (75 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 183.7 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 146.8 (ArC), 136.0 (ArC), 130.3 (ArCH), 124.1 (N-(CH)₂-N), 123.9 (ArCH), 84.7 (d, ²*J*_{FC} = 2, cod-CH), 45.0 (d, ²*J*_{FC} = 4, cod-CH), 34.3 (cod-CH₂), 29.1 (CH(CH₃)₂), 28.4 (cod-CH₂), 26.4 (CH₃), 22.9 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 2623.2 (s, br, HF₂), 1807.3 (w, HF₂), 1215.2 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₃₅H₄₉F₂IrN₂ (MW 727.99): C, 57.74; H, 6.78; N, 3.85. Found: C, 57.90; H, 6.83; N, 3.80.



[Rh(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] **8**

A Schlenk tube was charged with [Rh(cod)(IPr)(OH)] (400 mg, 0.65 mmol) in THF (2 mL). NEt₃·3HF (72 μ L, 0.43 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4.5 h. The product was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (3 x

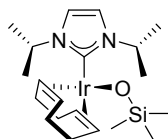
2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with pentane (3 x 1 mL) and dried to give [Rh(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] (**8**) (375 mg, 90%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 12.4 (d, 1H, $^1J_{FH}$ = 350.0, Rh-F-HF), 7.31 (t, 2H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 7.7, *p*-ArH), 7.22 (d, 4H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 7.7, *m*-ArH), 6.49 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 4.94 – 4.84 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.09 – 2.93 (m, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂, cod-CH), 1.83 – 1.68 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.51 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 6.7, CH₃), 1.45 – 1.25 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.02 (d, 12H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 6.9, CH₃); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, 200K, CD₂Cl₂): δ 12.89 (app. dd, $^1J_{FH}$ = 350.0, $^1J_{FH}$ = 25.0, Rh-F-HF); **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -181.5 (br., Rh-F-HF), -255.7 (br, Rh-F-HF). **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, 200 K, CD₂Cl₂): δ -173.1 (dd, $^1J_{FH}$ = 350, $^2J_{FF}$ = 150, Rh-FHF), -253.6 (app. dd, $^2J_{FF}$ = 150, $^1J_{FH}$ = 50, Rh-F-HF). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (100 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 186.3 (d, $^1J_{RhC}$ = 52, Rh-C_{carbene}), 147.1 (ArC), 136.3 (ArC), 130.3 (ArCH), 124.4 (N-(CH)₂-N), 124.1 (ArCH), 97.9 (d, $^1J_{RhC}$ = 8, cod-CH), 62.3 (d, $^1J_{RhC}$ = 15, cod-CH), 33.3 (cod-CH₂), 29.0 (CH(CH₃)₂), 27.9 (cod-CH₂), 26.5 (CH₃), 23.0 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** ν = 2530.6 (s, br, HF₂), 1890.2 (s, br, HF₂) 758.0 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₃₅H₄₉F₂N₂Rh (MW 638.68): C, 65.82; H, 7.73; N, 4.39. Found: C, 66.0; H, 7.85; N, 4.26.



[Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] **9**

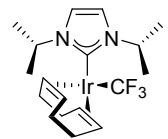
A Schlenk tube was charged with [Ir(cod)IPr](OH)] (50.0 mg, 0.107 mmol) in THF (1 mL). NEt₃·3HF (11.8 μ L, 0.071 mmol) was added under Ar and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 4.5 h. The reaction mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 2 mL) to give a yellow solid. The solid was washed with pentane (2 x 2 mL) and dried to give [Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] (**9**) (43.0 mg, 82%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 12.22 – 11.32 (br s, 1H, Ir-F-HF), 6.25 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.68 (sept., 2H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 6.8, CH(CH₃)₂), 4.98 – 4.92 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.95 – 2.87 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.87 – 2.11 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.26 (d, 6H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 6.6, CH₃), 1.07 (d, 6H, $^3J_{HH}$ = 6.8, CH₃); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, 197.5K, CD₂Cl₂): δ 11.53 (dd, $^1J_{FH}$ = 403.0, $^1J_{FH}$ = 44.8, Ir-F-HF); **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -187.5 (br, Ir-F-HF), -243.5 (br, Ir-F-HF). **¹⁹F NMR** (470 MHz, 197.5K, CD₂Cl₂): δ -184.3 (dd, $^1J_{HF}$ =

403, $^2J_{FF} = 99$, Ir-F-HF), -246.5 (app. dd, $^2J_{FF} = 95$, $^1J_{HF} = 45$, Ir-F-HF). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (MHz, C_6D_6): δ 178.1 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 116.6 (N-(CH)₂-N), 85.0 (cod-CH), 52.7 (cod-CH), 44.9 (CH(CH₃)₂), 34.5 (cod-CH₂), 29.1 (cod-CH₂), 24.1 (CH₃), 23.1 (CH₃). **FTIR (ATR)** $\nu = 2546.0$ (s, br, HF₂), 1869.0 (s, br HF₂), 1215.2 (s) cm⁻¹. **Anal. Calcd.** for C₁₇H₂₉F₂IrN₂ (MW 491.64): C, 41.53; H, 5.95; N, 5.70. Found: C, 41.62; H, 5.87; N, 5.78.



[Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(OSiMe₃)] **10**

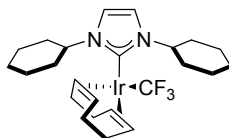
A vial was charged with [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(OH)] (82.0 mg, 0.17 mmol) in toluene (1 mL). TMSCF₃ (31 μL , 0.21 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Once complete, the mixture was reduced *in vacuo* and azeotroped with hexane (2 x 1 mL) and washed with hexane (2 x 1 mL). The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(OSiMe₃)] (**10**) (88.4 mg, 96%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 6.19 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.76 (sept., 2H, $^3J_{HH} = 6.8$, N-CH(CH₃)₂), 4.86 – 4.75 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.89 – 2.77 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.49 – 2.20 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.86 – 1.66 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.20 (d, 6H, $^3J_{HH} = 6.7$, CHCH₃), 1.11 (d, 6H, $^3J_{HH} = 6.8$, CHCH₃), 0.27 (s, 9H, Si-CH₃). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 180.6 (Ir-C_{carbene}), 115.9 (N-(CH)₂-N), 83.6 (cod-CH), 51.9 (cod-CH), 44.5 (N-CH(CH₃)₂), 34.8 (cod-CH₂), 29.9 (cod-CH₂), 23.6 (CHCH₃), 5.0 (Si-CH₃). **Anal. Calcd.** for C₂₀H₃₇IrN₂OSi (MW 541.82): C, 44.33; H, 6.88; N, 5.09. Found: C, 44.25; H, 6.70; N, 5.09.



[Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(CF₃)] **11**

A Schlenk tube was charged with AgF (78.0 mg, 0.61 mmol) and acetonitrile (2 mL), in the dark and cooled under Ar to -40 °C. TMSCF₃ (245 μL , 1.64 mmol) was added and after 15 mins the reaction mixture was warmed to rt, where it was stirred for 30 mins. [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)Cl] (200 mg, 0.410 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred

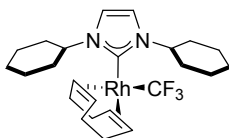
for 16 h. Upon completion, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the product dissolved in THF (2 mL) and filtered through a tightly packed celite column to give a red solution. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resultant solid was washed with a cold mixture of pentane/Et₂O (2:1, 3 x 1 mL). The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(IⁱPr)(CF₃)] (**11**) (160 mg, 75%) as a red solid. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.21 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.46 (sept., 2H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, N-CH(CH₃)₂), 4.91 – 4.86 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.64 – 3.58 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.26 – 2.08 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.16 (d, 6H, ³J_{HH} = 6.7, CHCH₃), 1.04 (d, 6H, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, CHCH₃). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -25.8 (s). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (125 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 180.2 (q, ³J_{FC} = 5, Ir-C_{carbene}), 146.3 (q, ¹J_{FC} = 346, CF₃), 116.3 (N-(CH)₂-N), 75.2 (app. q, ³J_{FC} = 1, cod-CH), 71.6 (q, ³J_{FC} = 2, cod-CH), 52.5 (cod-CH₂), 31.8 (cod-CH₂), 31.5 (N-CH(CH₃)₂), 23.7 (CH₃), 22.8 (q, ⁶J_{FC} = 1, CH₃). **Anal. Calcd.** for C₁₈H₂₈F₃IrN₂ (MW 521.65): C, 41.45; H, 5.41; N, 5.37. Found: C, 41.31; H, 5.32; N, 5.60. **MS** (+ve EI) for C₁₈H₂₈F₃IrN₂ (MW: 521.65, Exact mass calcd. 522.18); m/z 522.1 (100, M⁺, ¹⁹³Ir), 520.1 (64, M⁺, ¹⁹¹Ir); **HRMS**: 520.18601 (520.1805 for C₁₈H₂₈F₃¹⁹¹IrN₂).



[Ir(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] **12**

A Schlenk tube was charged with AgF (14 mg, 0.11 mmol) and MeCN (1 mL) in the dark. TMSF₃ (44 μL, 0.30 mmol) was added under Ar at -40 °C. After 15 mins the reaction mixture was warmed to rt, where it was stirred for 30 mins. [Ir(cod)(ICy)Cl] (42 mg, 0.074 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. Upon completion, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the product dissolved in THF (2 mL) and filtered through celite to give a red solution. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resultant solid was washed with a cold mixture of pentane/Et₂O (3:1, 3 x 1 mL). The product was dried *in vacuo* to give [Ir(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] (**12**) (35 mg, 79%) as a red solid. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.34 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.19 (tt, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 11.8, ³J_{HH} = 3.6, N-CH(ICy)), 4.94 – 4.81 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 3.72 – 3.61 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.33 (br. d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.0, ICy-CH₂), 2.27 – 2.10 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.91 – 1.73 (m, 6H, cod-CH₂),

ICy-CH₂), 1.70 – 1.54 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂), 1.48 (br. d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 13.0, ICy-CH₂), 1.44 – 1.30 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂), 1.23 (qd, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.5, ³J_{HH} = 3.5 ICy-CH₂), 1.11 (qd, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.0, ³J_{HH} = 3.5 ICy-CH₂), 0.98 – 0.88 (m, 2H, ICy-CH₂). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (470 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -26.0 (s). **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (125 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 180.4 (q, ³J_{FC} = 5, Ir-C_{carbene}), 146.1 (q, ¹J_{FC} = 347, CF₃), 116.9 (N-(CH)₂-N), 74.9 (cod-CH), 71.6 (q, ³J_{FC} = 2, cod-CH), 60.4 (N-CH(ICy)), 35.2 (ICy-CH₂), 33.6 (q, ⁶J_{FC} = 1, ICy-CH₂), 32.1 (cod-CH₂), 31.6 (cod-CH₂), 26.3 (ICy-CH₂), 25.9 (ICy-CH₂), 25.6 (ICy-CH₂). **Anal. Calcd.** for C₂₄H₃₆F₃IrN₂ (MW 601.77): C, 47.90; H, 6.03; N, 4.66. Found: C, 47.85; H, 5.95; N, 4.75.



[Rh(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] **13**

A Schlenk tube was charged with AgF (40 mg, 0.31 mmol) and MeCN (1 mL) in the dark and TMSF₃ (110 μL, 0.730 mmol) was added under Ar to -40 °C. After 15 mins the reaction mixture was warmed to rt, where it was stirred for 30 mins. [Rh(cod)(ICy)Cl] (100 mg, 0.21 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered on celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant solid was dissolved in hexane and filtered on celite. The eluent was concentrated *in vacuo* to give [Rh(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] (**13**) (57 mg, 53%) as a yellow solid. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 6.36 (s, 2H, N-(CH)₂-N), 5.34 (tt, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.0, ³J_{HH} = 7.3, N-CH(ICy)), 5.27 – 5.18 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 4.16 – 4.08 (m, 2H, cod-CH), 2.40 (br. d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.2, ICy-CH₂), 2.36 – 2.20 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 4H, cod-CH₂), 1.84 (br. d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.2, ICy-CH₂), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂), 1.47 – 1.38 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂), 1.25 (qd, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.6, ³J_{HH} = 3.6, ICy-CH₂), 1.14 (qd, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 12.4, ³J_{HH} = 3.8, ICy-CH₂), 1.02 – 0.90 (m, 4H, ICy-CH₂). **¹⁹F{¹H} NMR** (376 MHz, C₆D₆): δ -21.7 (d, ²J_{RhF} = 27 Hz. **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (125 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 185.6 (m, Rh-C_{carbene}), 117.0 (N-(CH)₂-N), 87.7 (d, ³J_{FC} = 9, cod-CH), 86.0 (d, ³J_{FC} = 7, cod-CH), 60.8 (N-CH(ICy)), 35.2 (ICy-CH₂), 33.8 (ICy-CH₂), 31.3 (cod-CH₂), 31.2 (cod-CH₂), 26.4 (ICy-CH₂), 26.0 (ICy-CH₂), 25.7 (ICy-CH₂). **Anal. Calcd.** for C₂₄H₃₆F₃N₂Rh (MW

512.47): C, 56.25; H, 7.08; N, 5.47. Found: C, 56.37; H, 7.15; N, 5.64. *(CF₃ not observed by ¹³C{¹H} NMR)

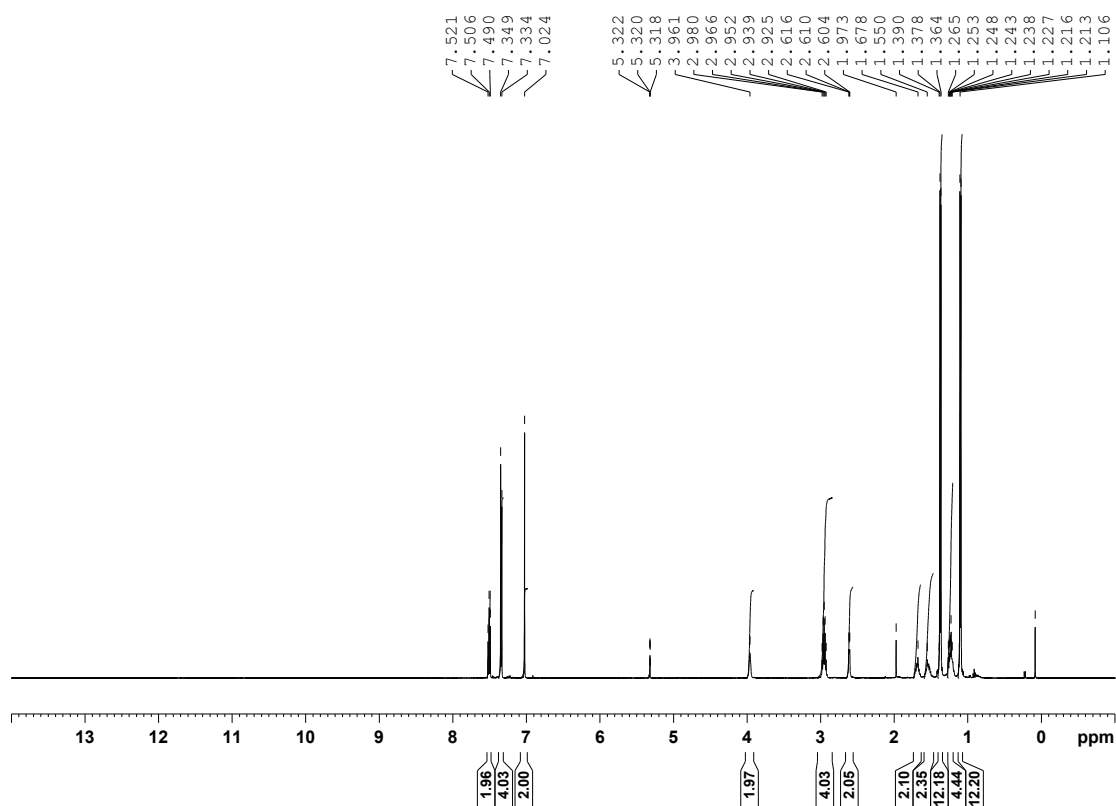


Figure S 1 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(IPr)(F)] **1**

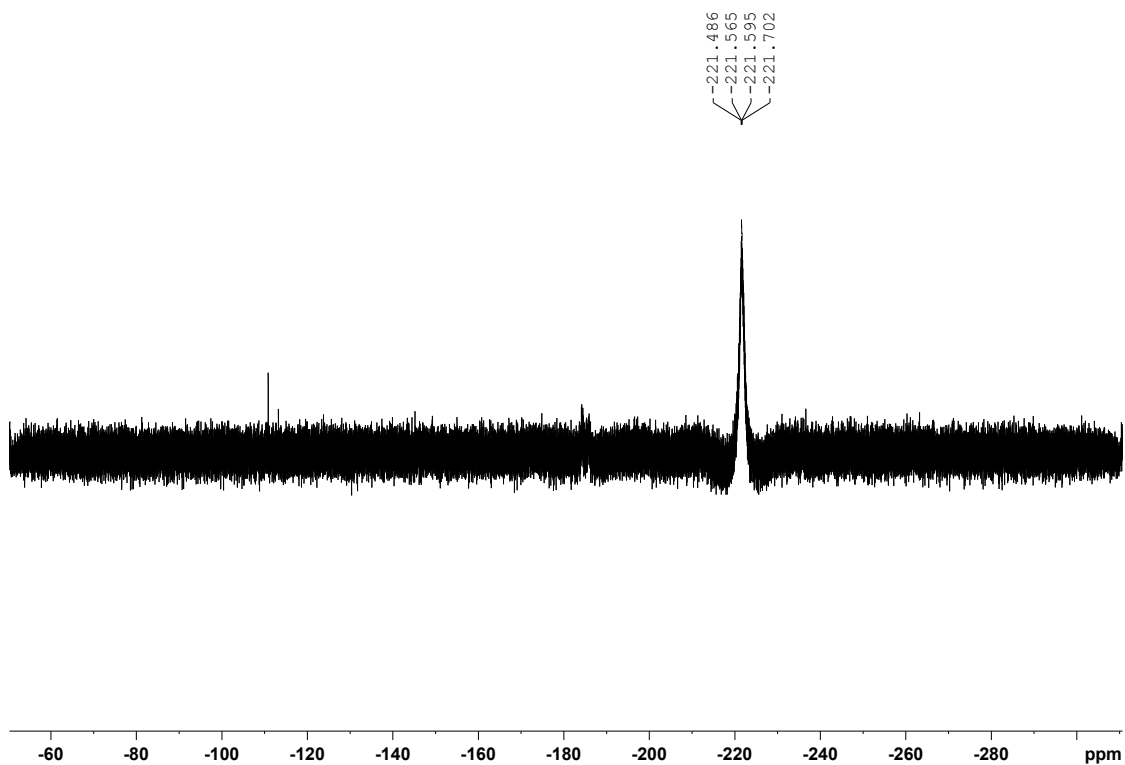


Figure S 2 ^{19}F NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **1**

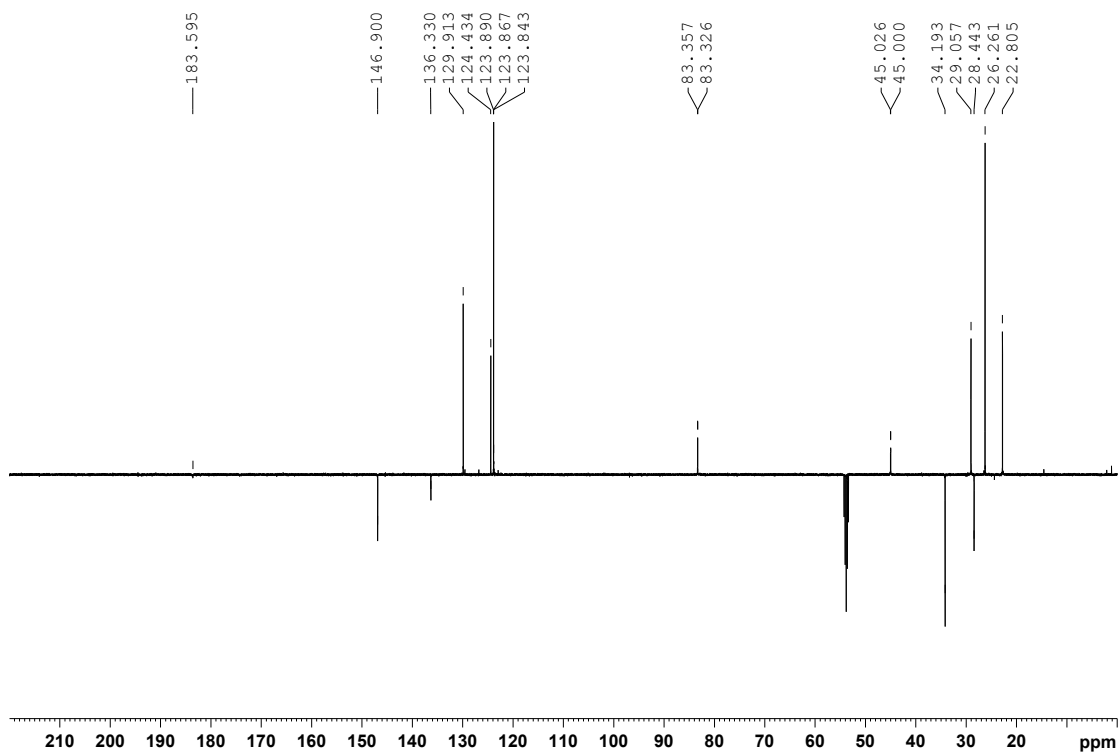


Figure S 3 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **1**

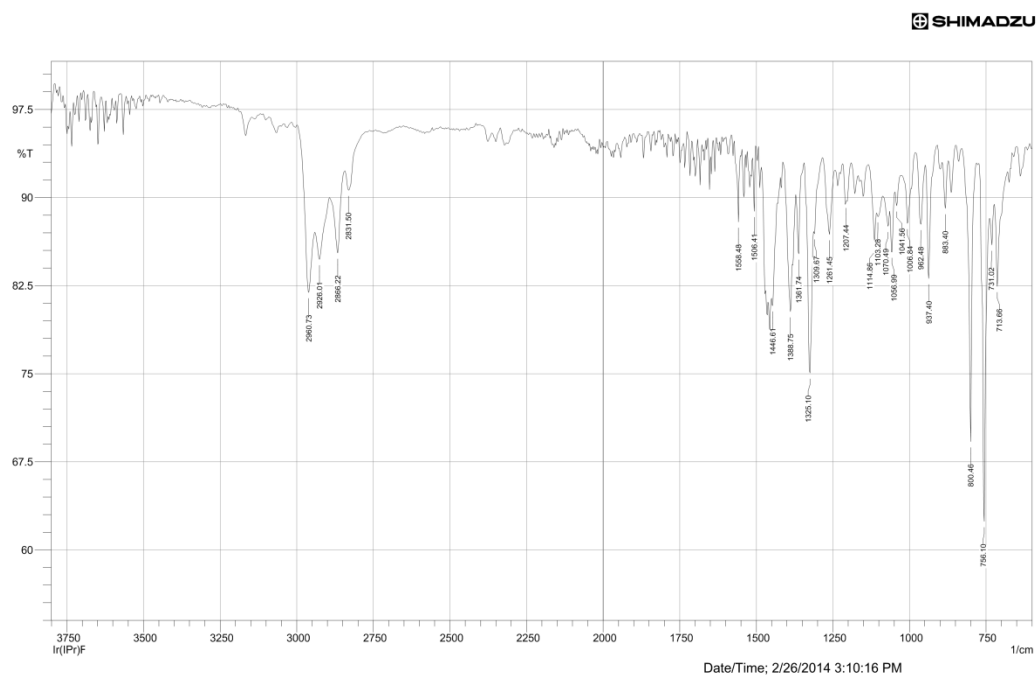


Figure S 4 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **1**

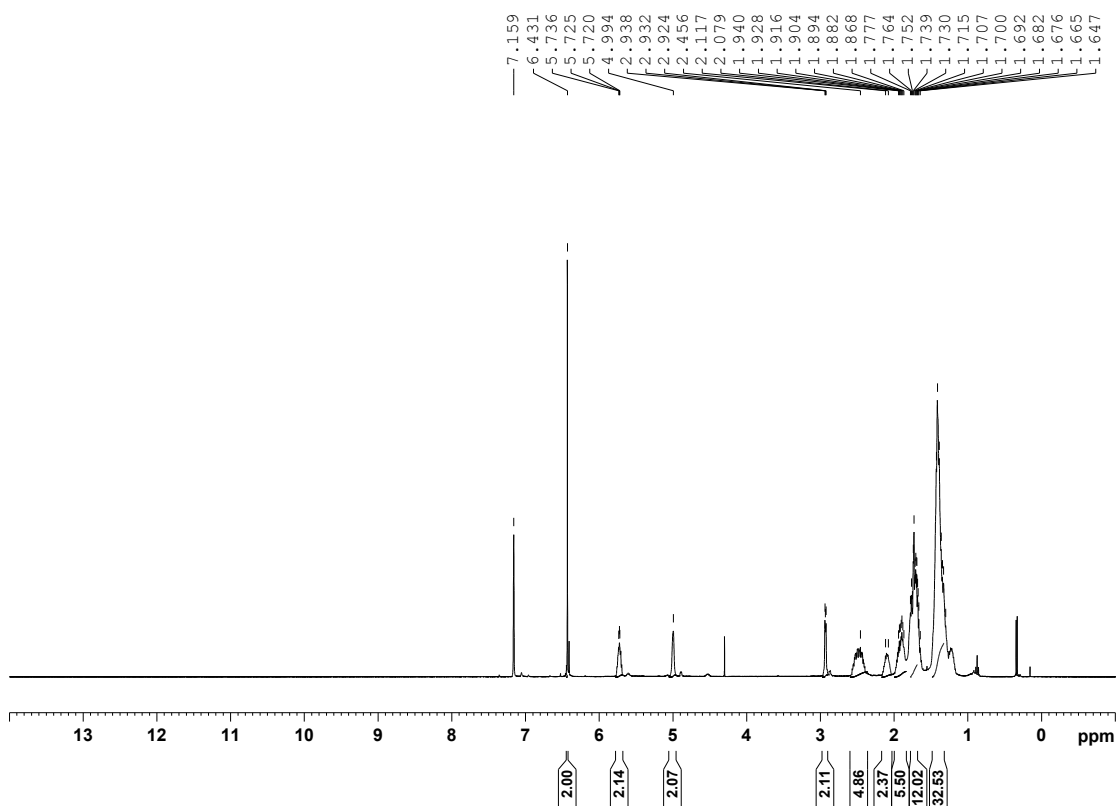


Figure S 5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IDD})(\text{F})]$ **2**

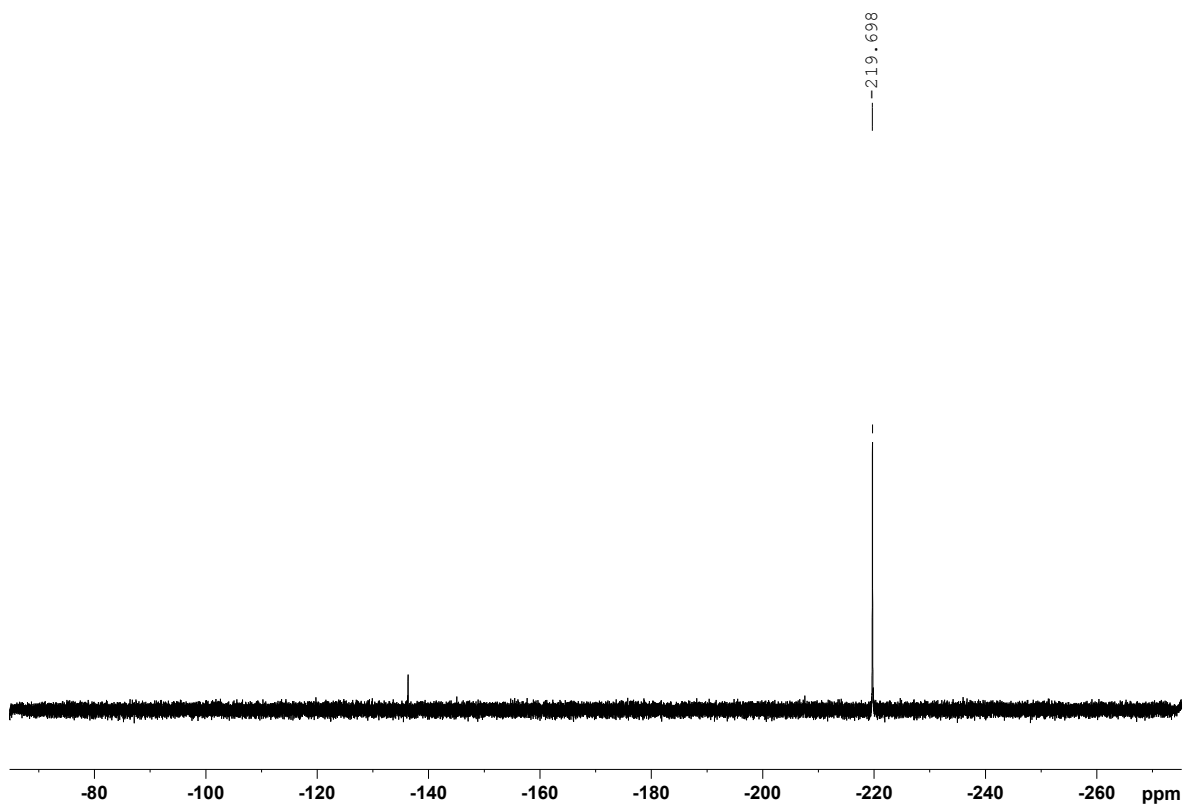


Figure S 6 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IDD})(\text{F})]$ **2**

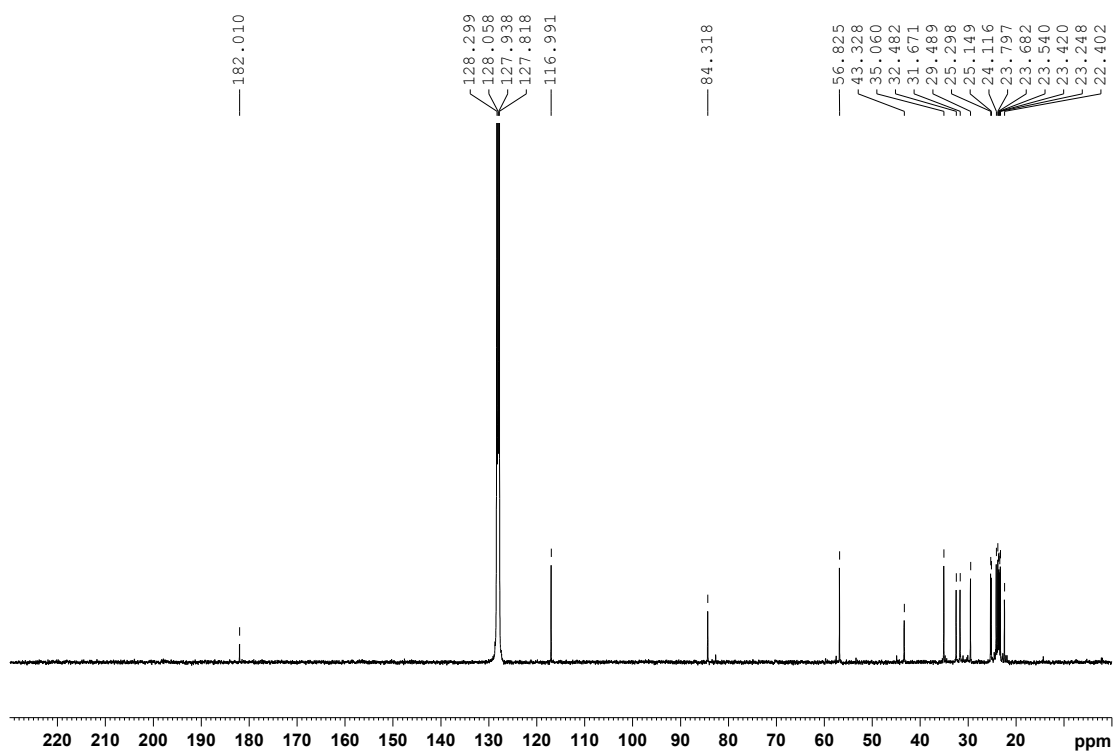


Figure S 7 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IDD})(\text{F})]$ **2**

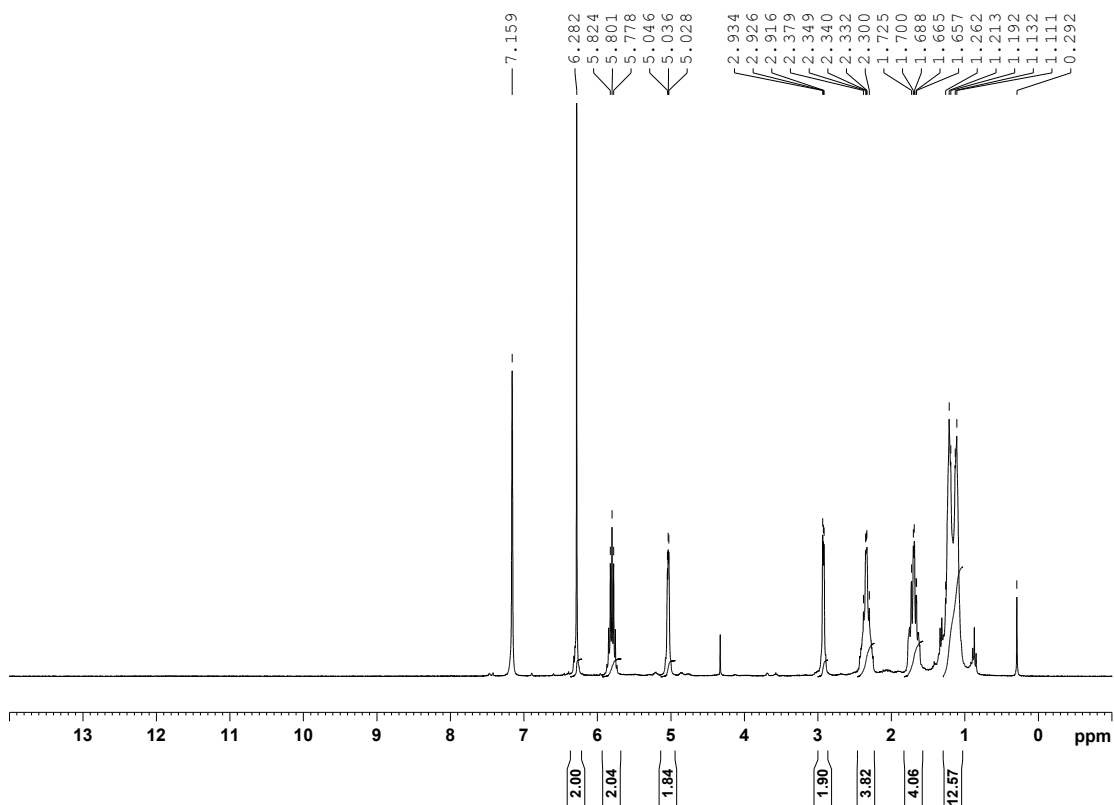


Figure S 8 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{F})]$ **3**

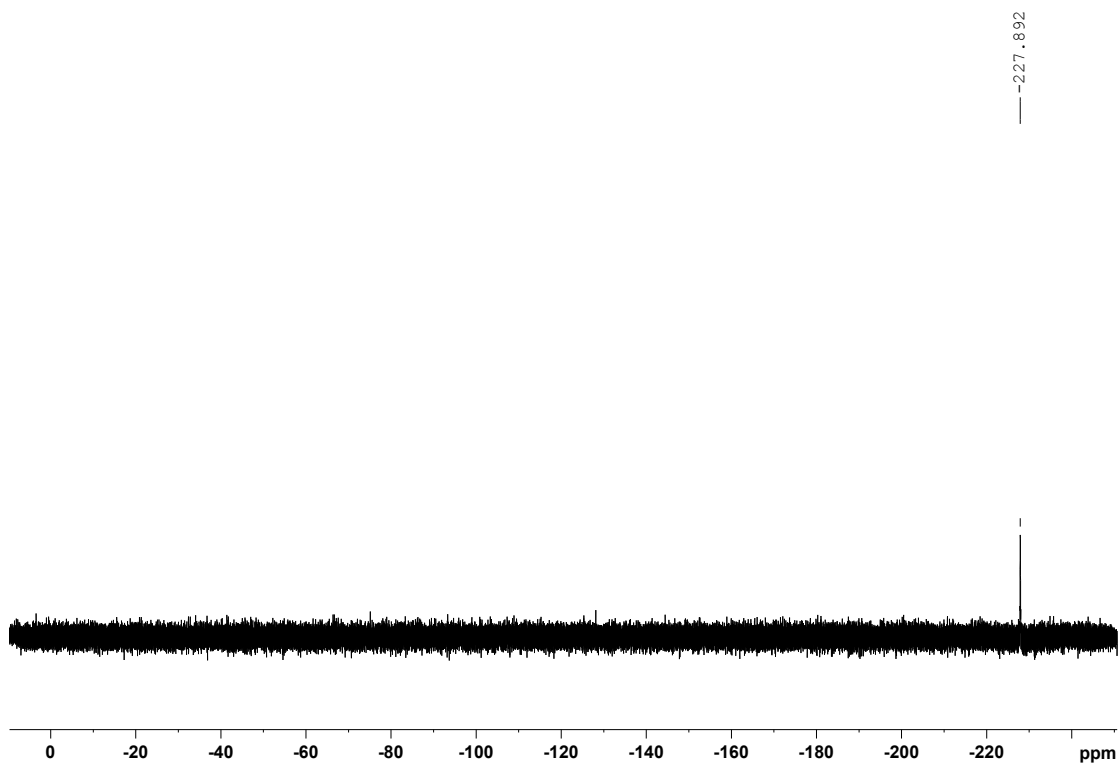


Figure S 9 ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{F})]$ **3**

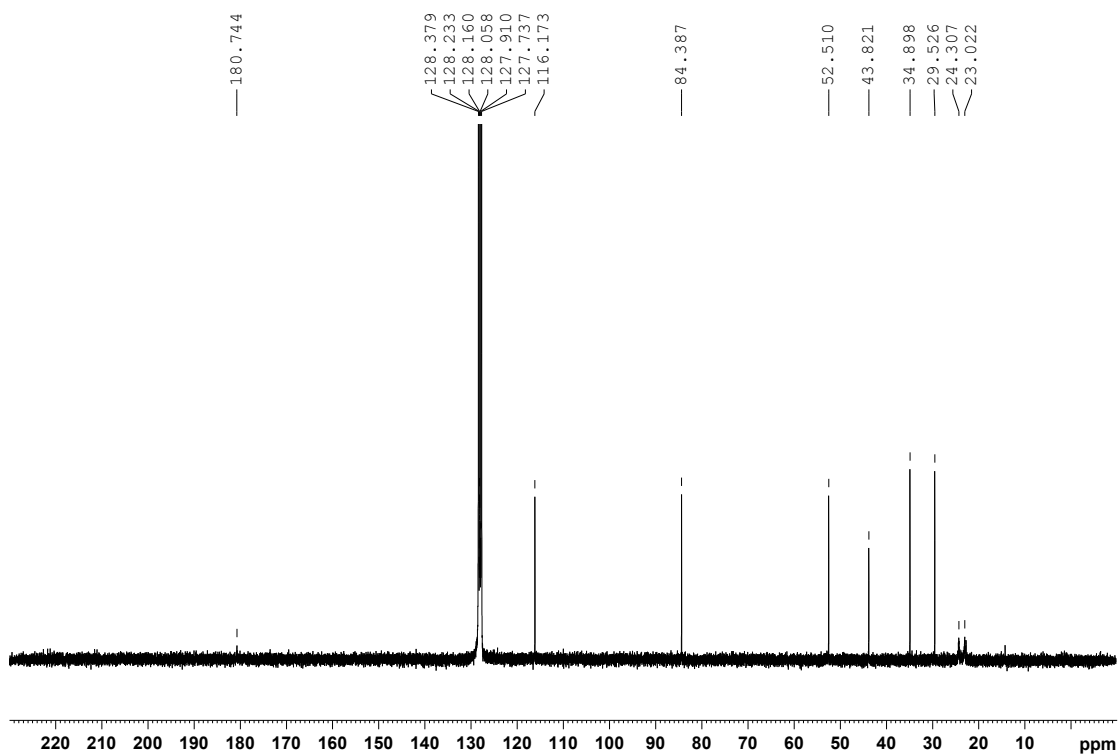


Figure S 10 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}^i\text{Pr})(\text{F})]$ **3**

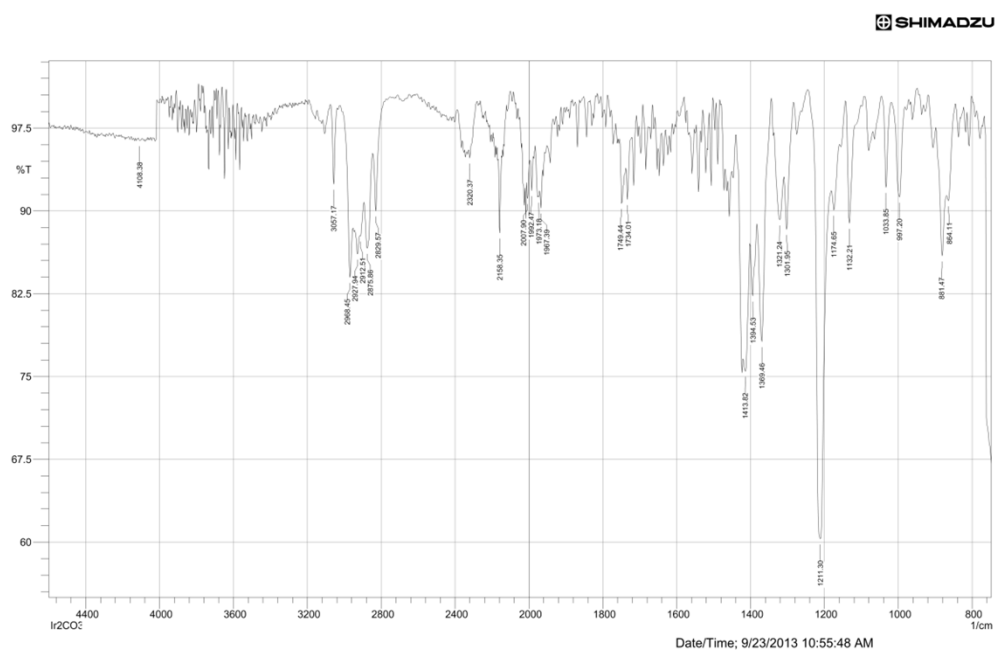


Figure S 11 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}^i\text{Pr})(\text{F})]$ **3**

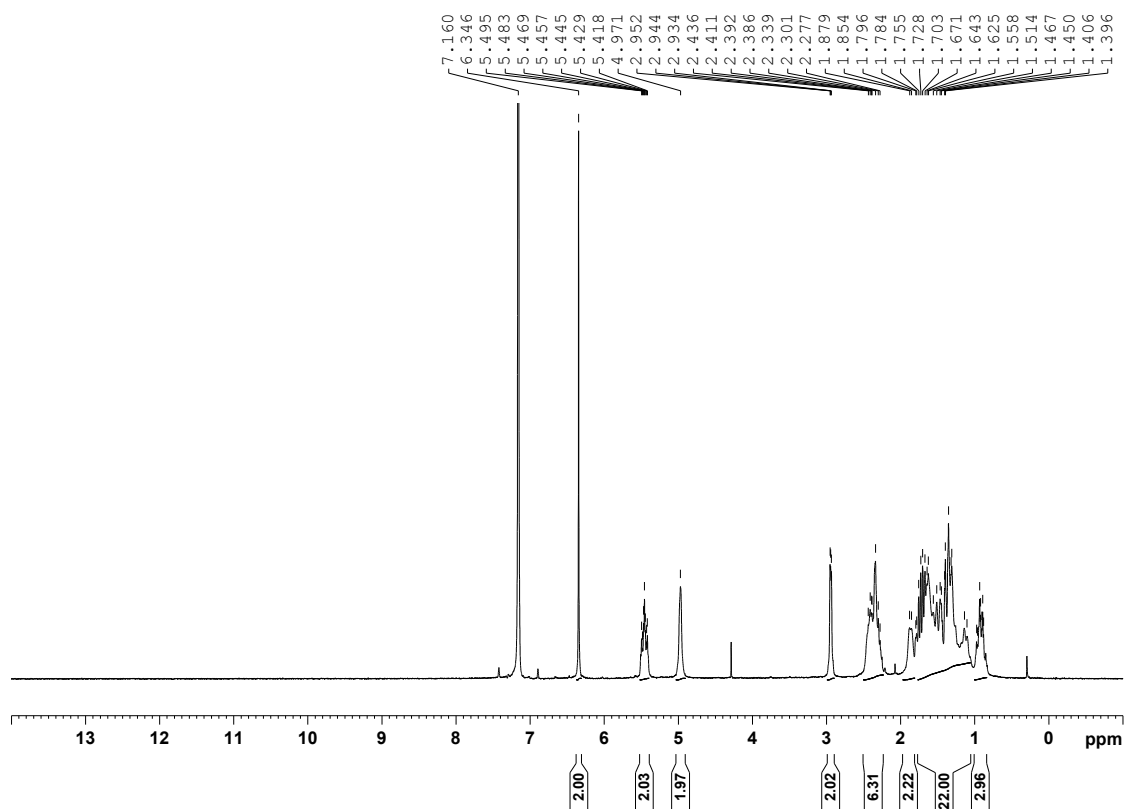


Figure S 12 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(ICy)(F)] **4**

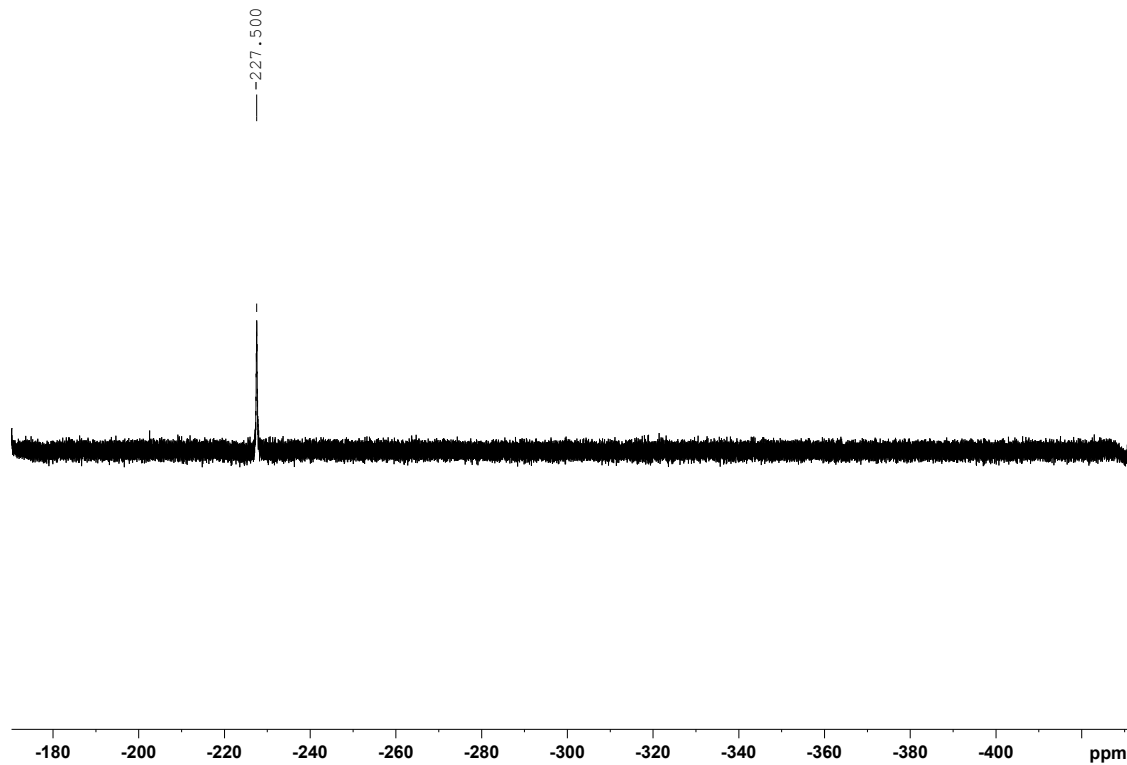


Figure S 13 ¹⁹F {¹H} NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(ICy)(F)] **4**

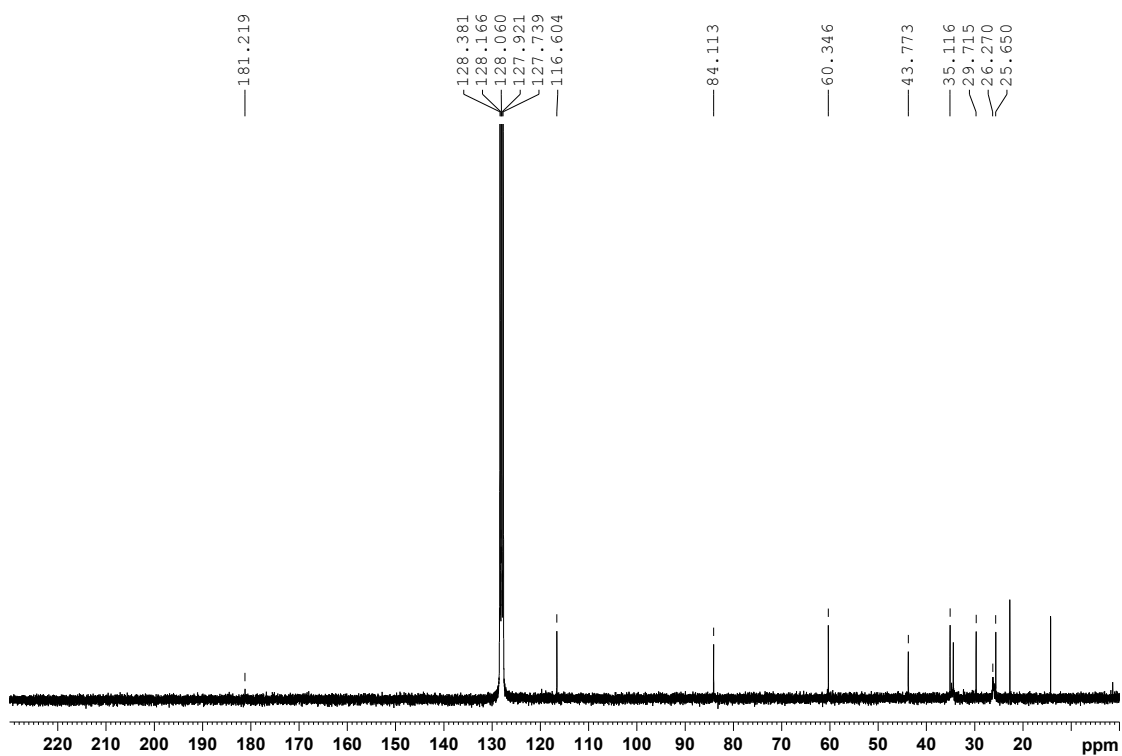


Figure S 14 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})(\text{F})]$ **4**

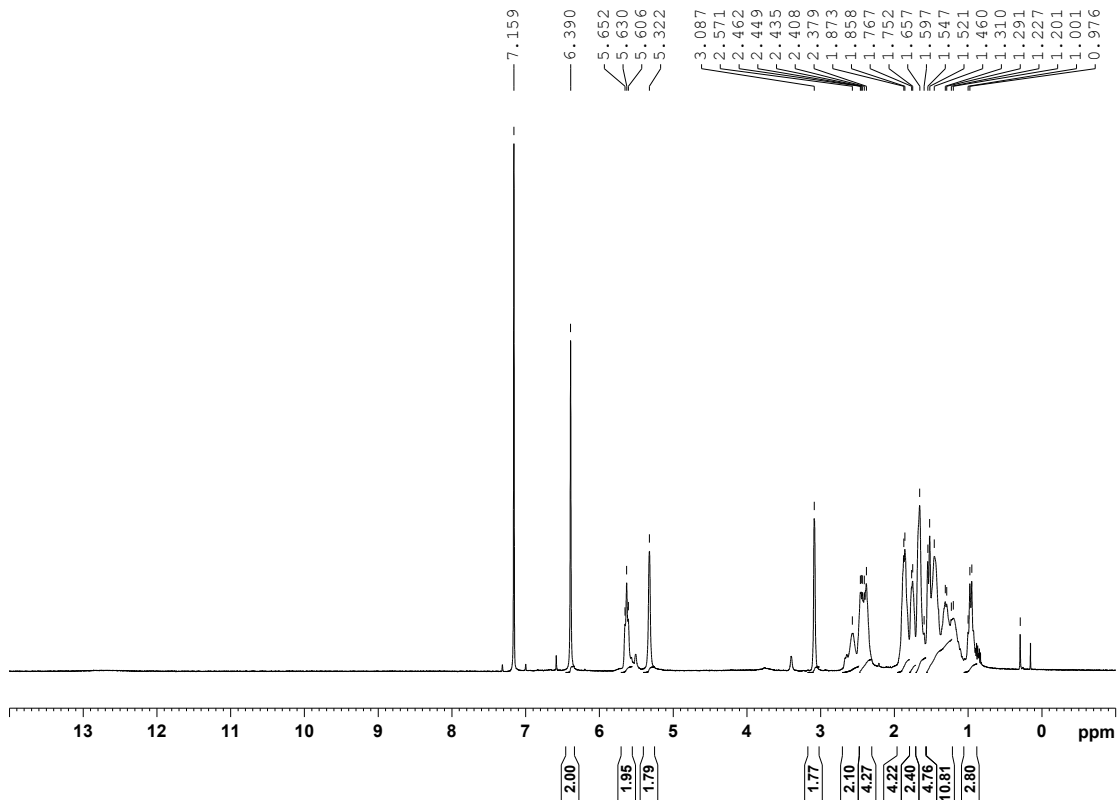


Figure S 15 ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})\text{F}]$ **5**

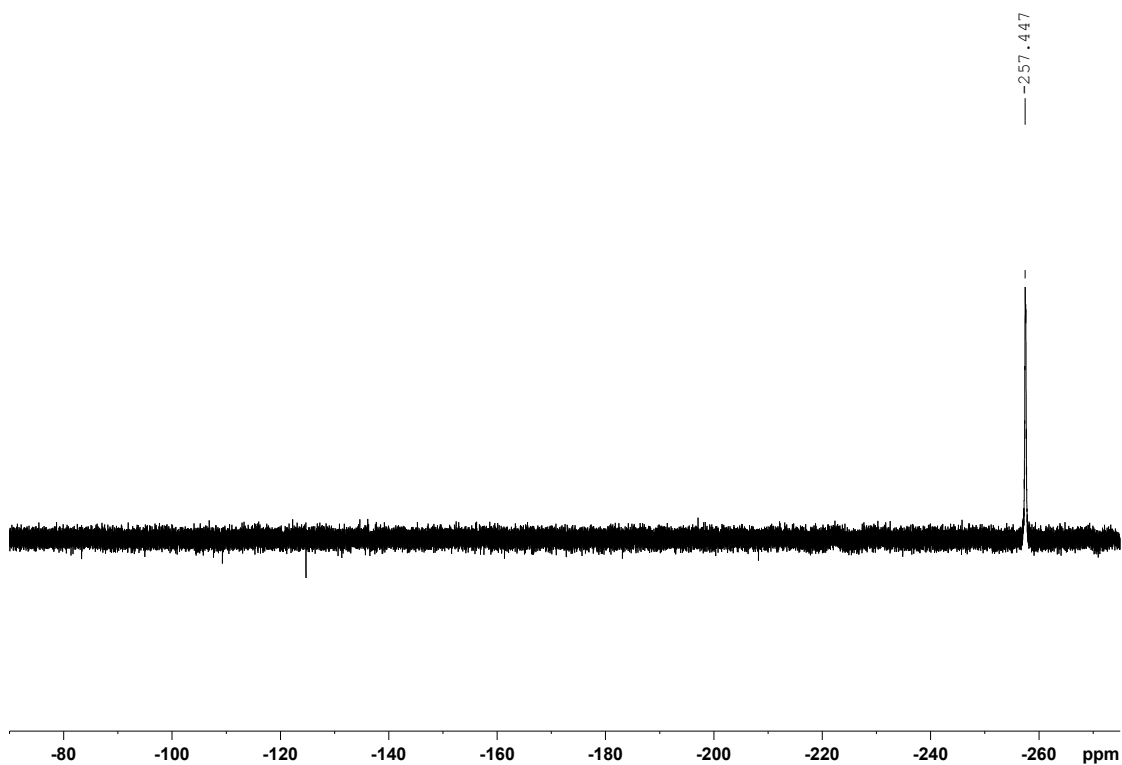


Figure S 16 $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (470 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})\text{F}]$ **5**

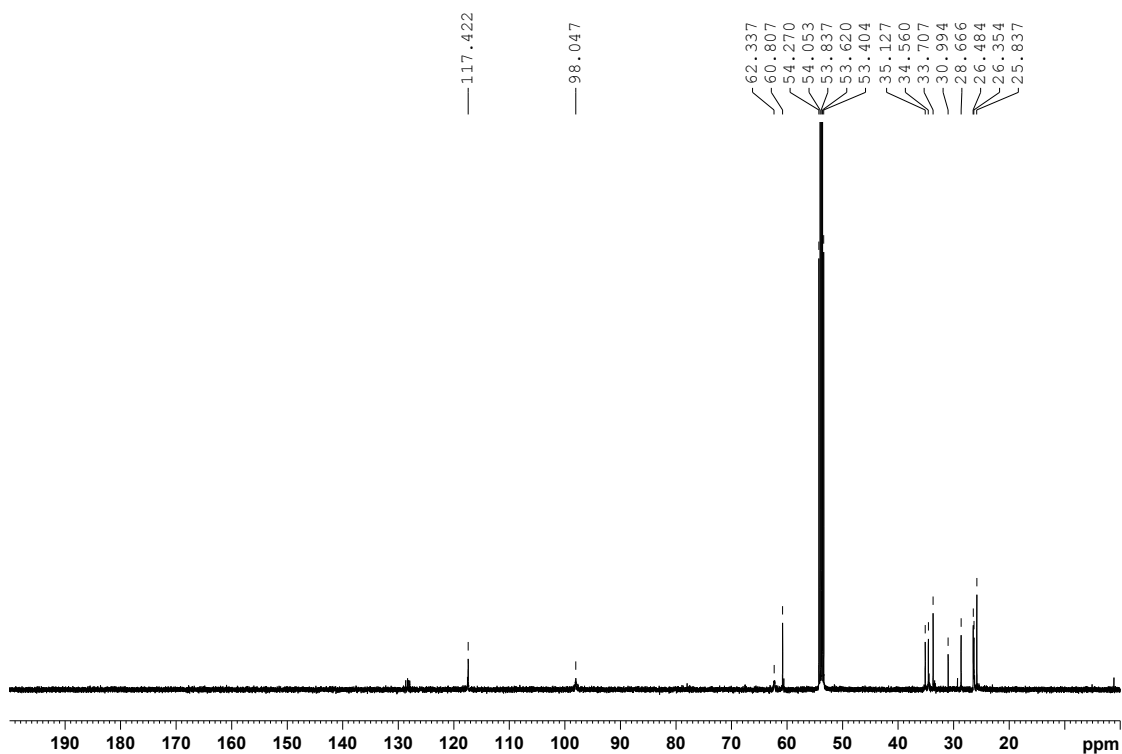


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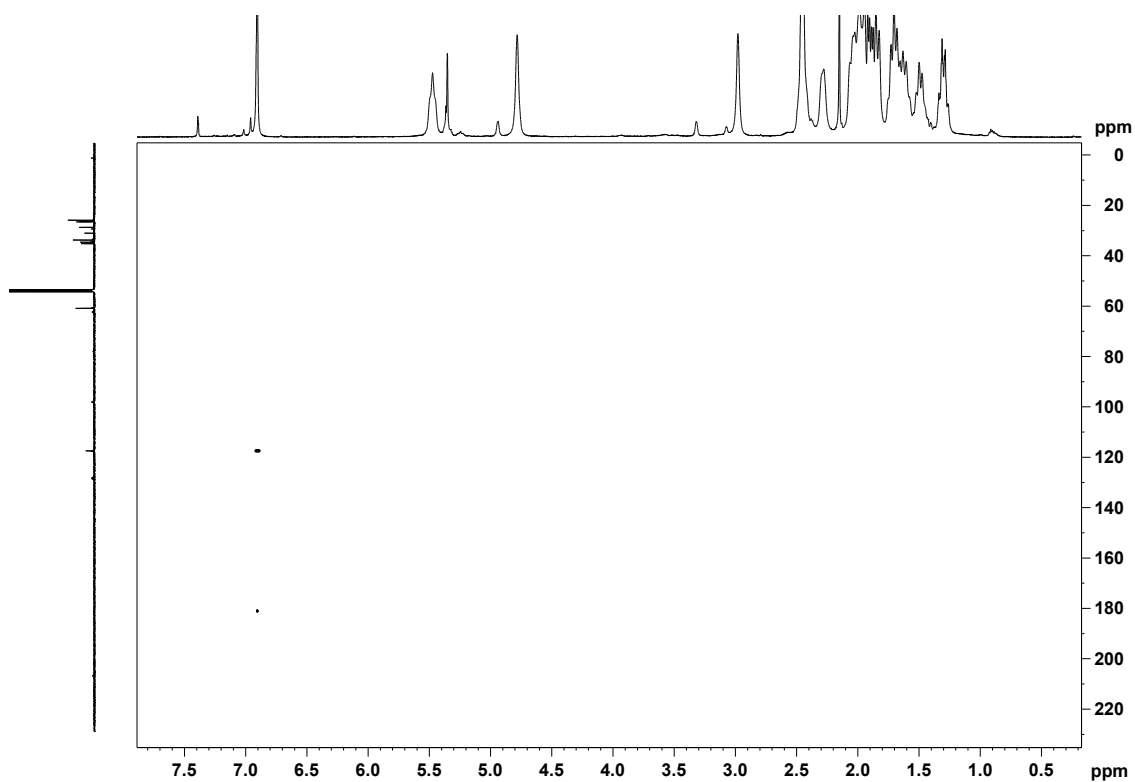


Figure S 18 HMBC NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂ spectrum for [Rh(cod)(ICy)F] 5

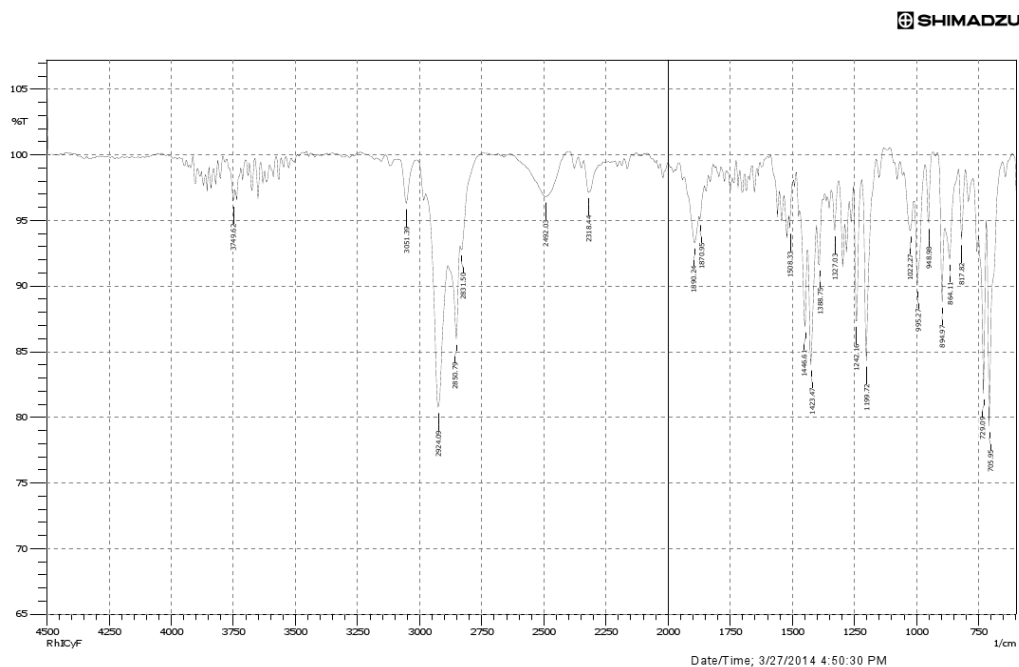


Figure S 19 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for [Rh(cod)(ICy)F] 5

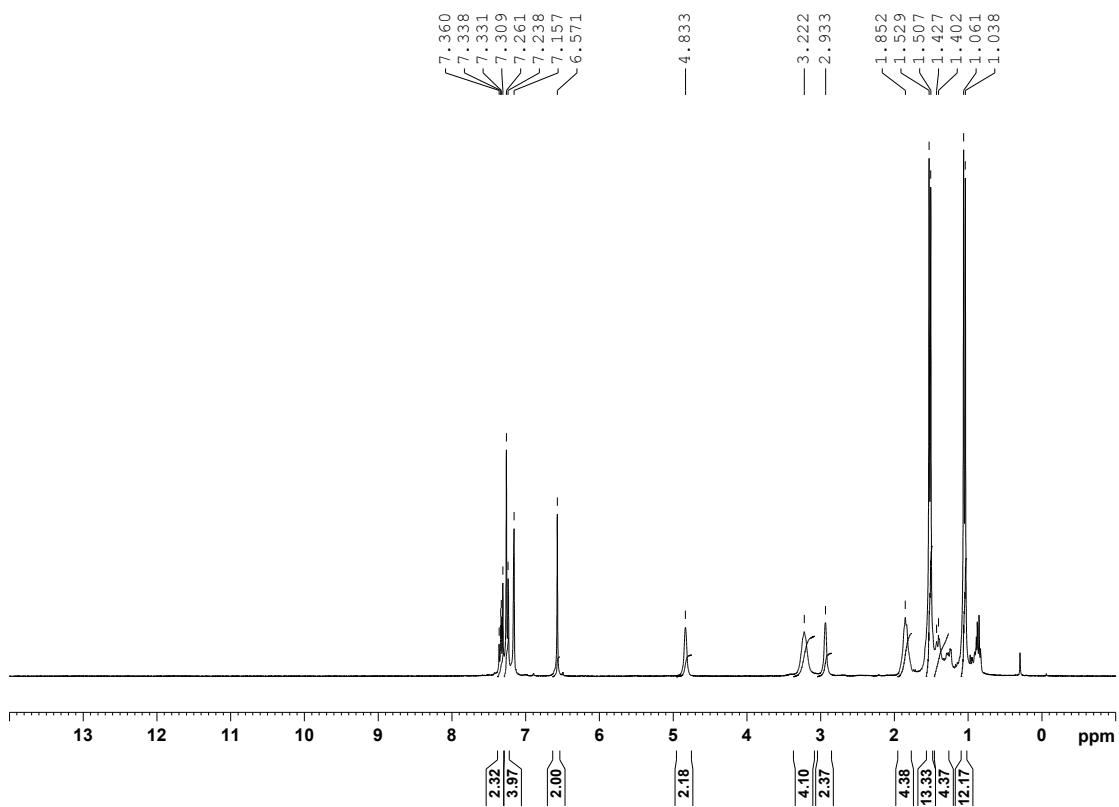


Figure S 20 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Rh(cod)(IPr)(F)] **6**

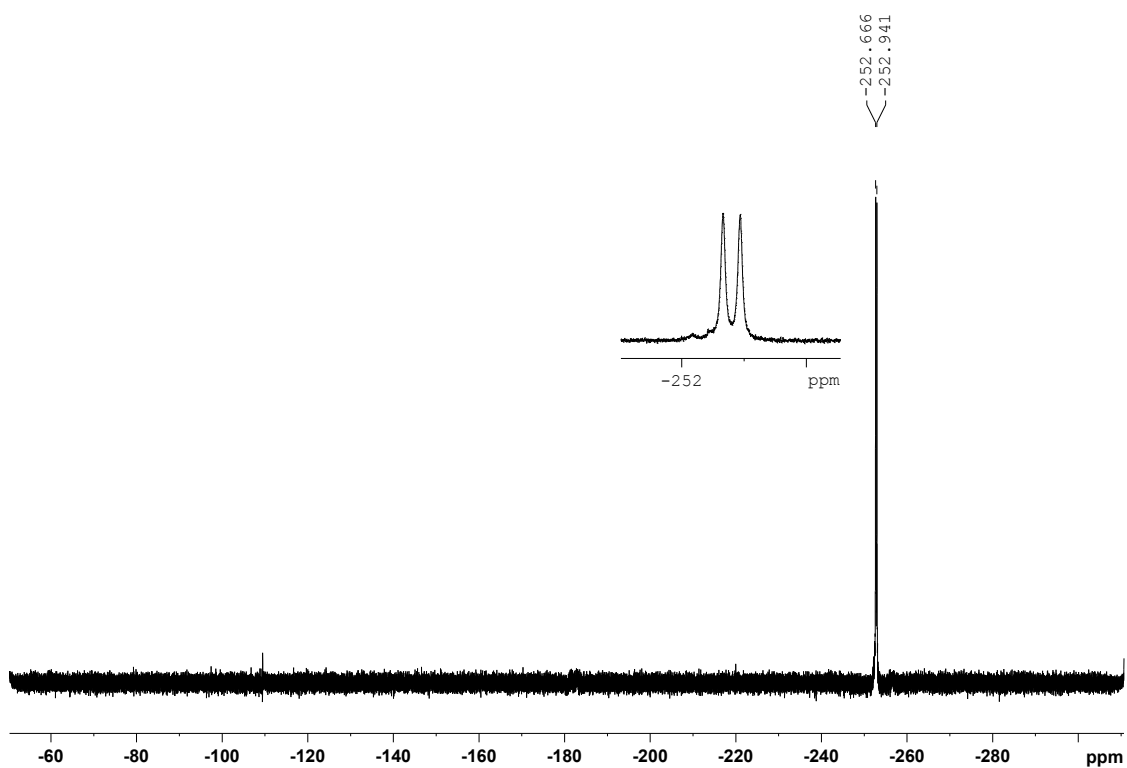


Figure S 21 ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Rh(cod)(IPr)(F)] **6**

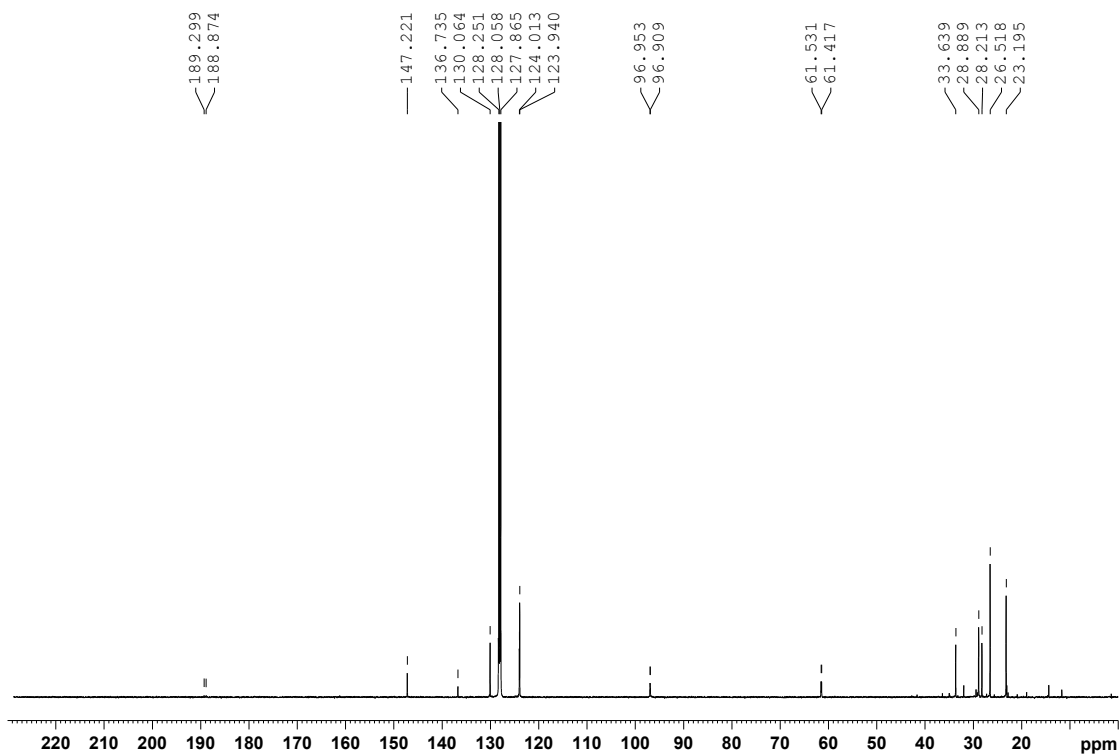


Figure S 22 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **6**

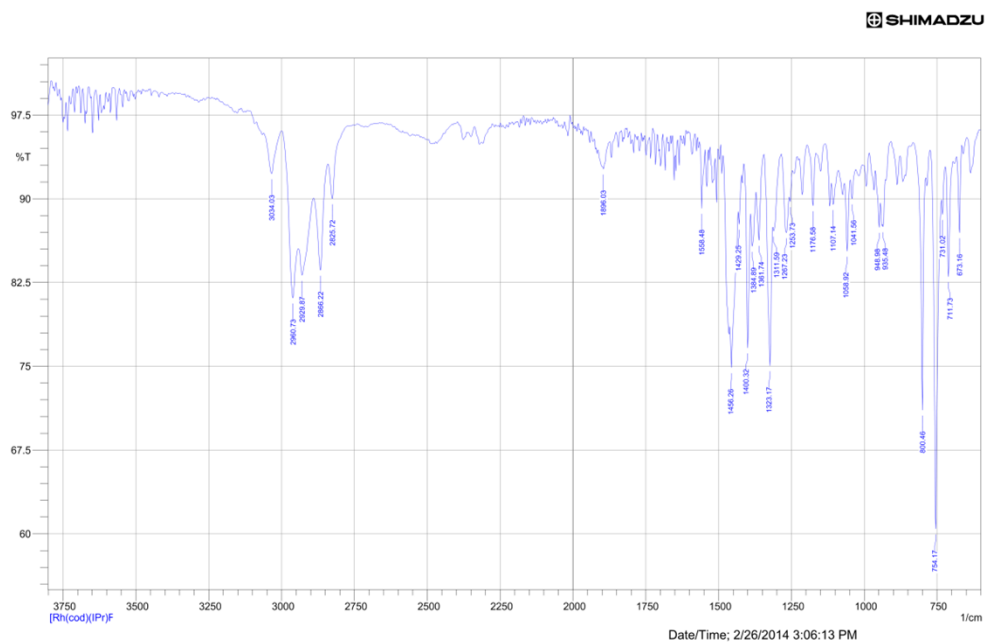


Figure S 23 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{F})]$ **6**

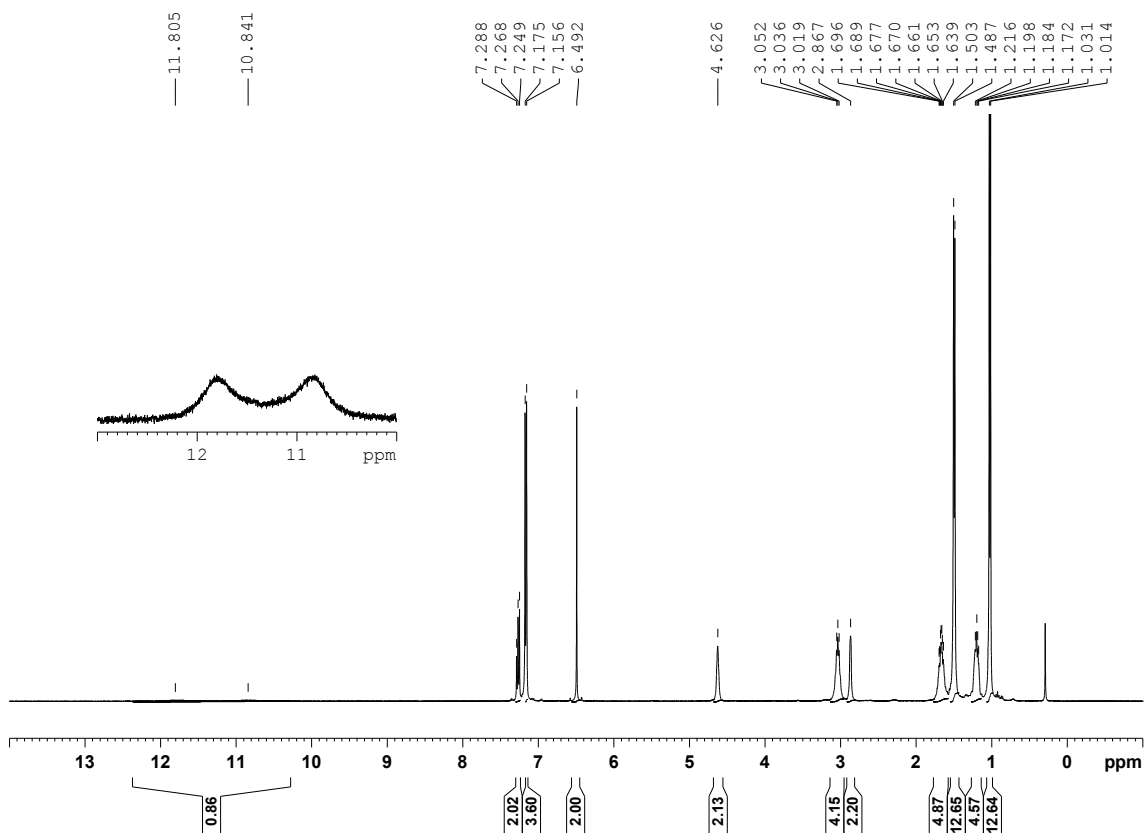


Figure S 24 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] **7**

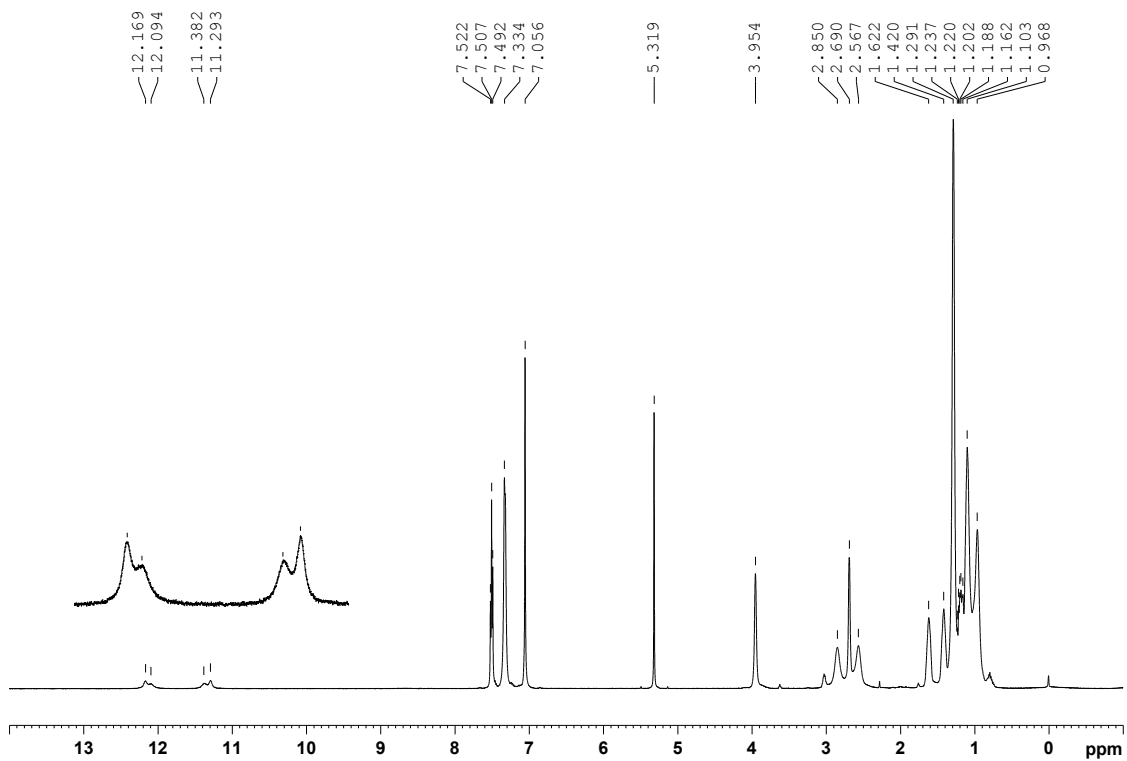


Figure S 25 ¹H NMR (500 MHz, 200K, CD₂Cl₂) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(IPr)(HF₂)] **7**

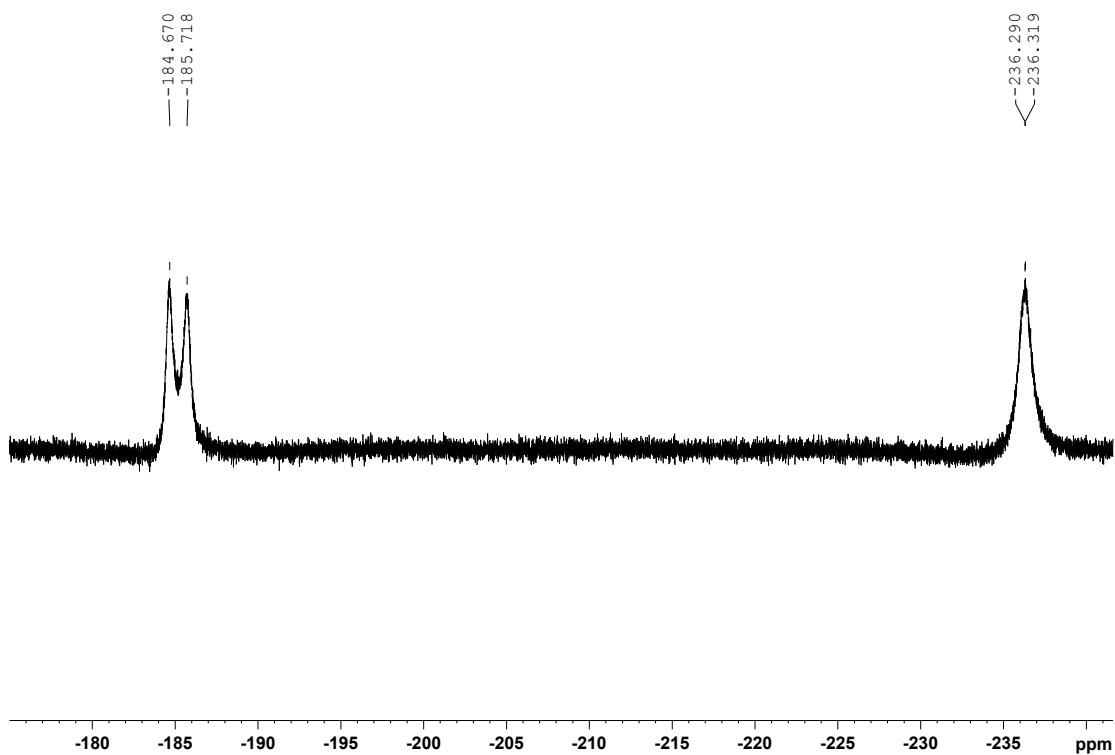


Figure S 26 ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, 300K, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **7**

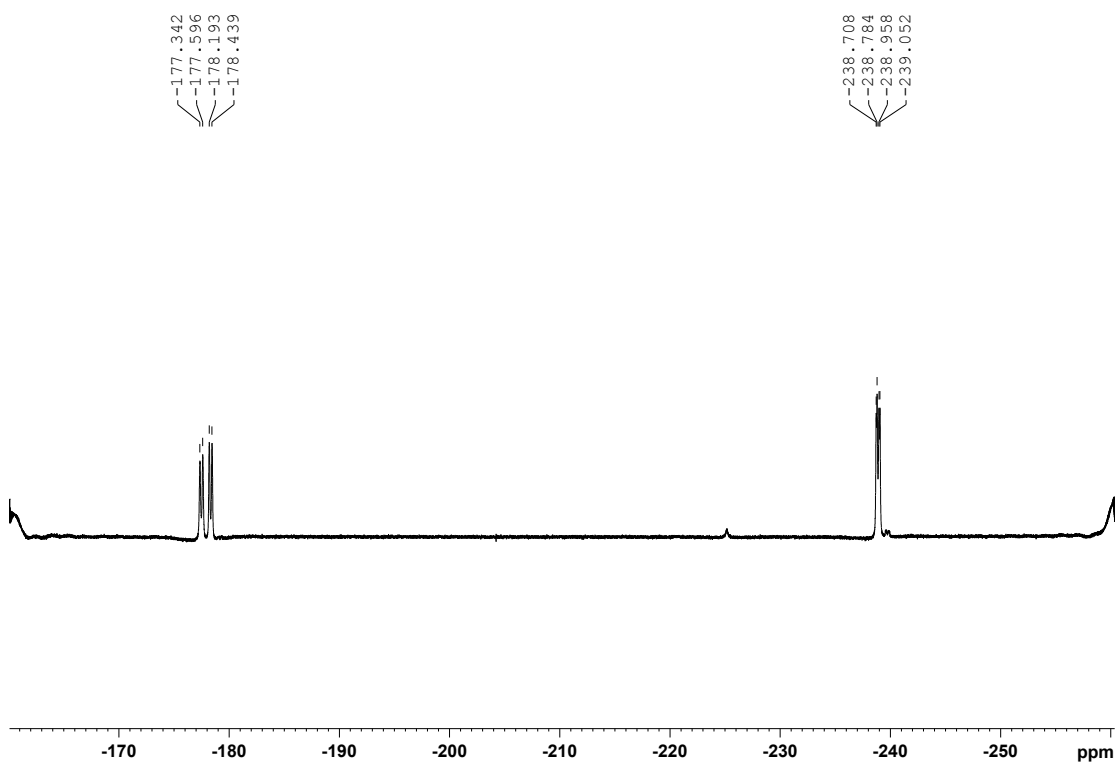


Figure S 27 ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, 200K, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **7**

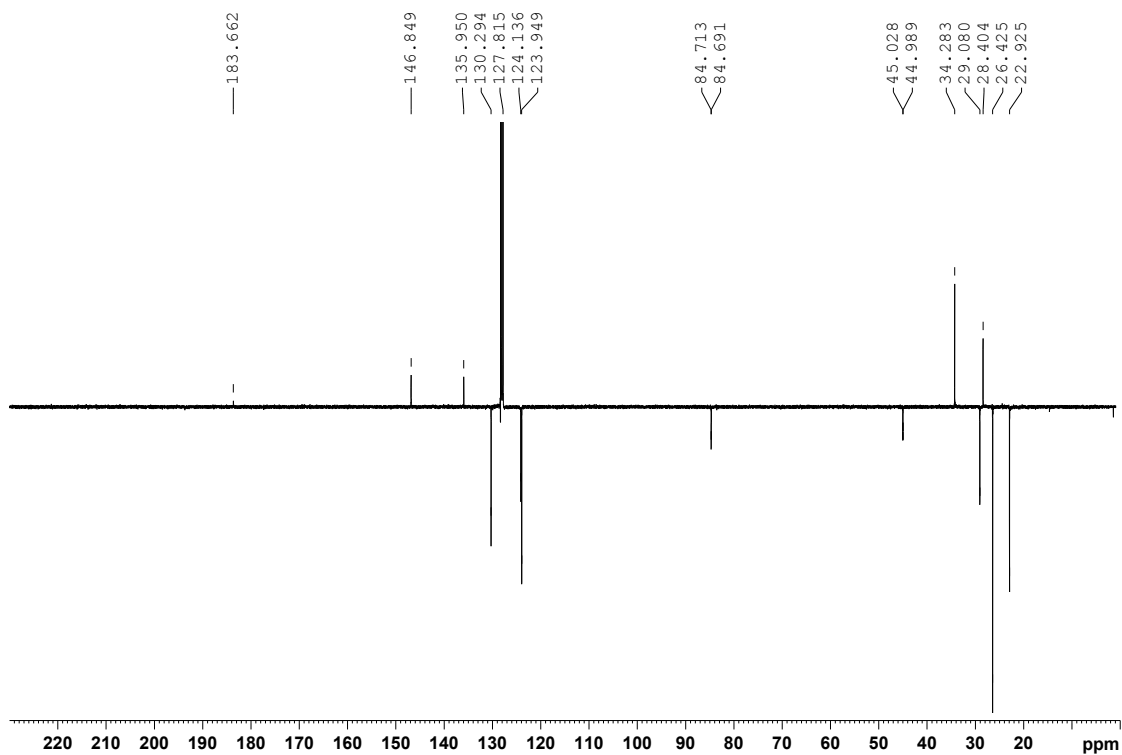


Figure S 28 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **7**

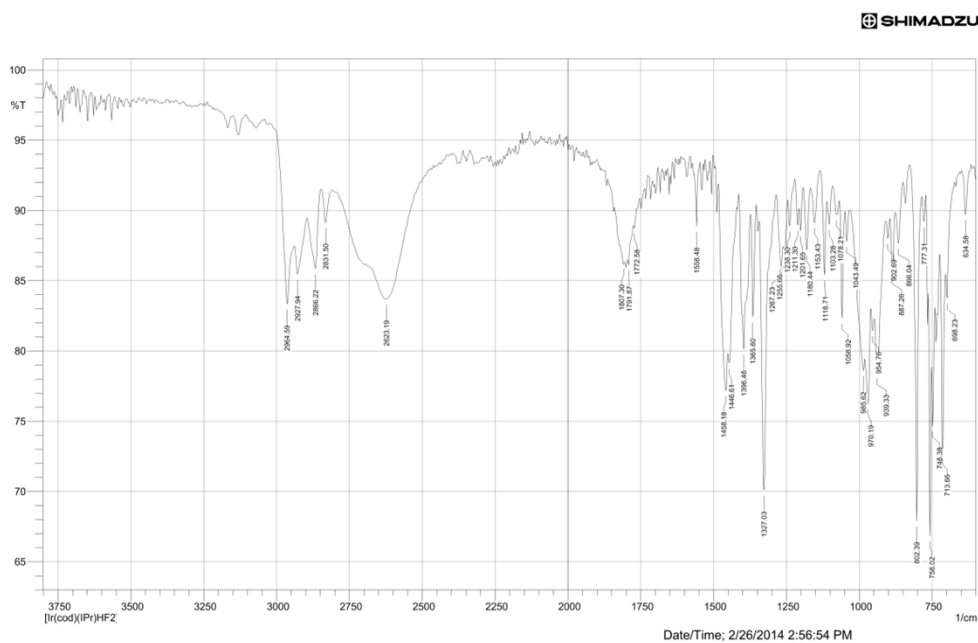


Figure S 29 IR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **7**

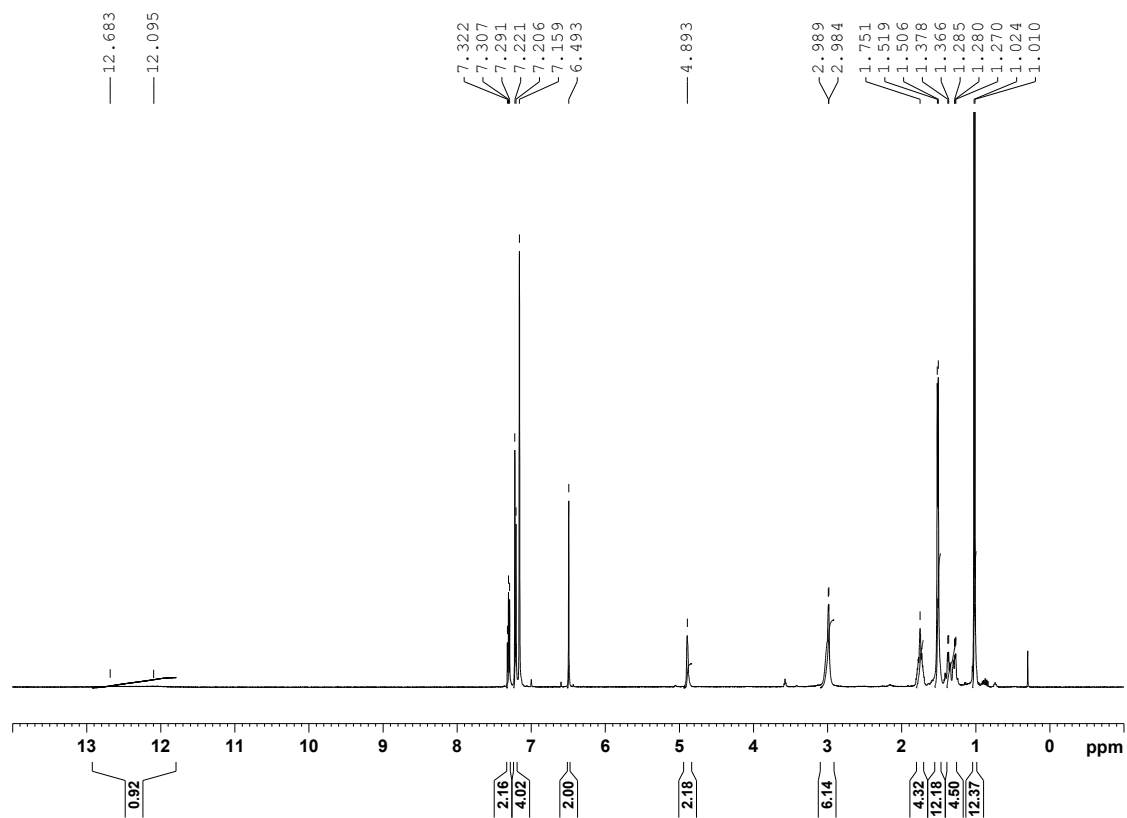


Figure S 30 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **8**

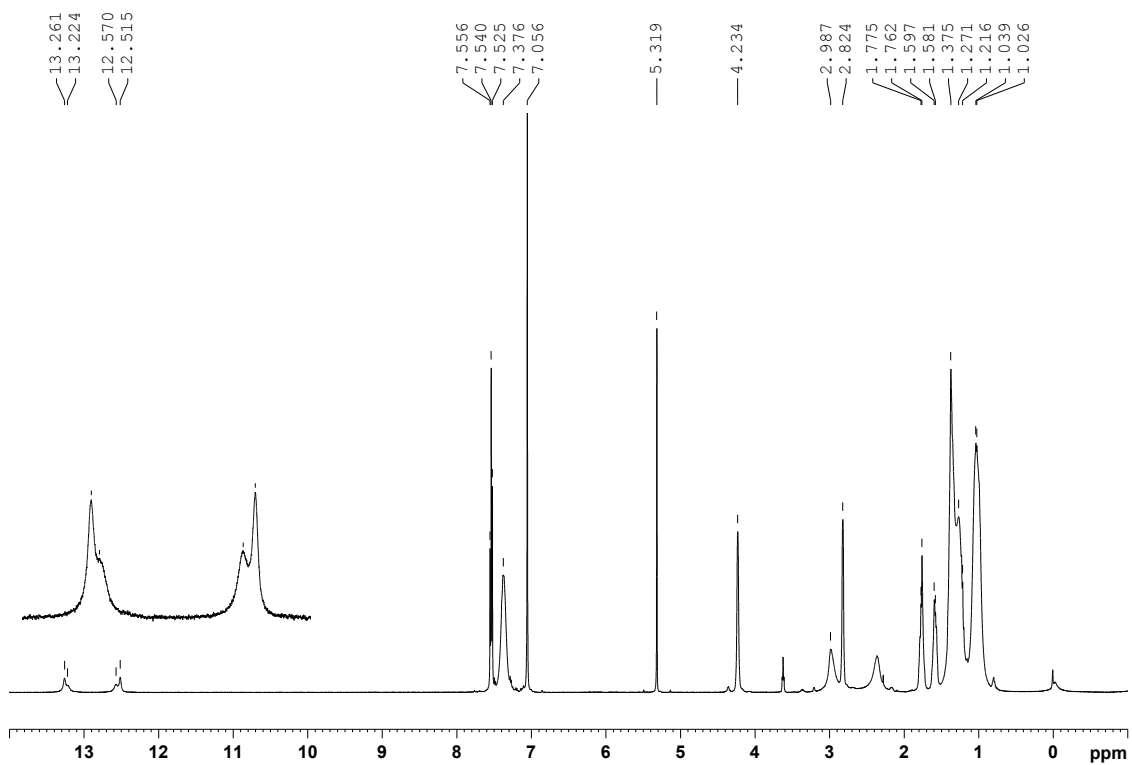


Figure S 31 ^1H NMR (500 MHz, 200K, CD_2Cl_2) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **8**

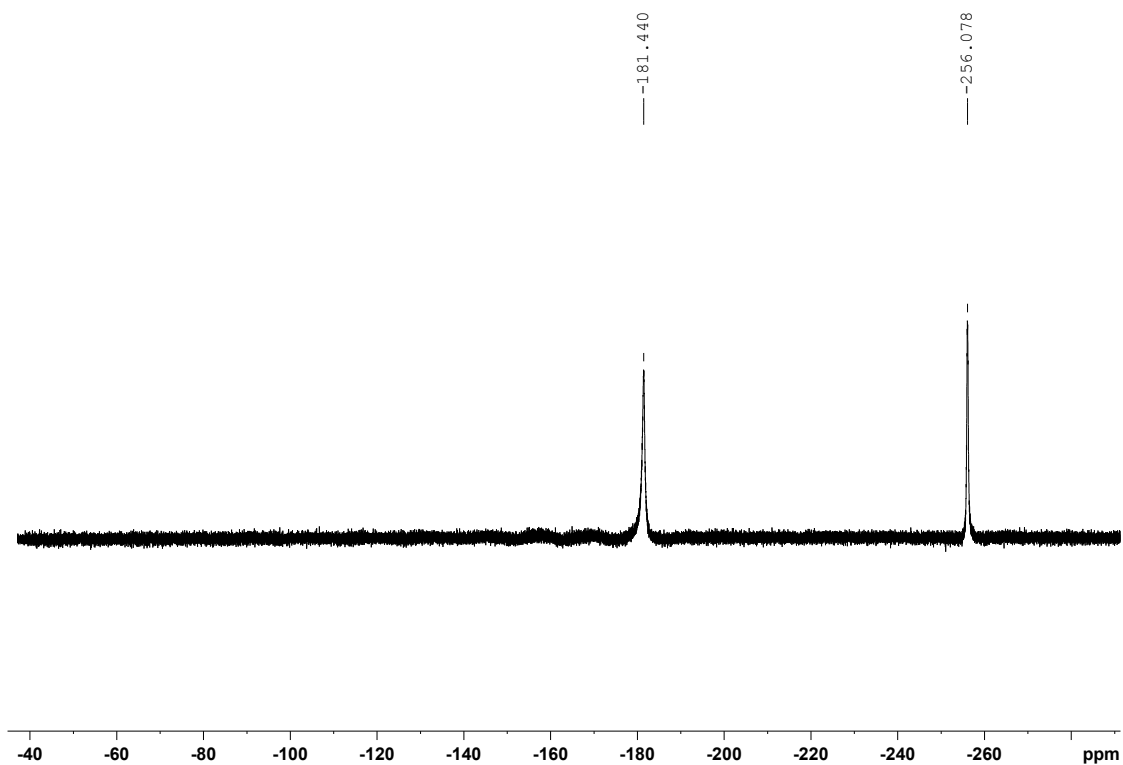


Figure S 32 $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (470 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **8**

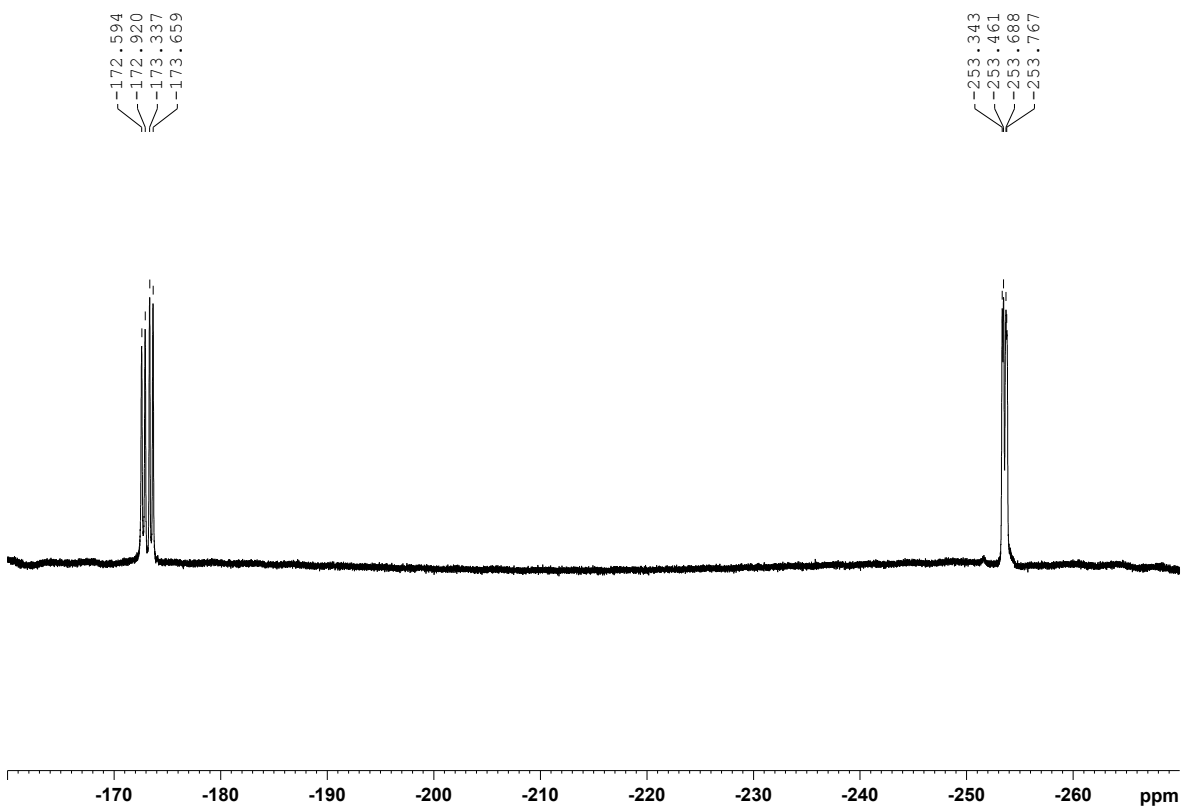


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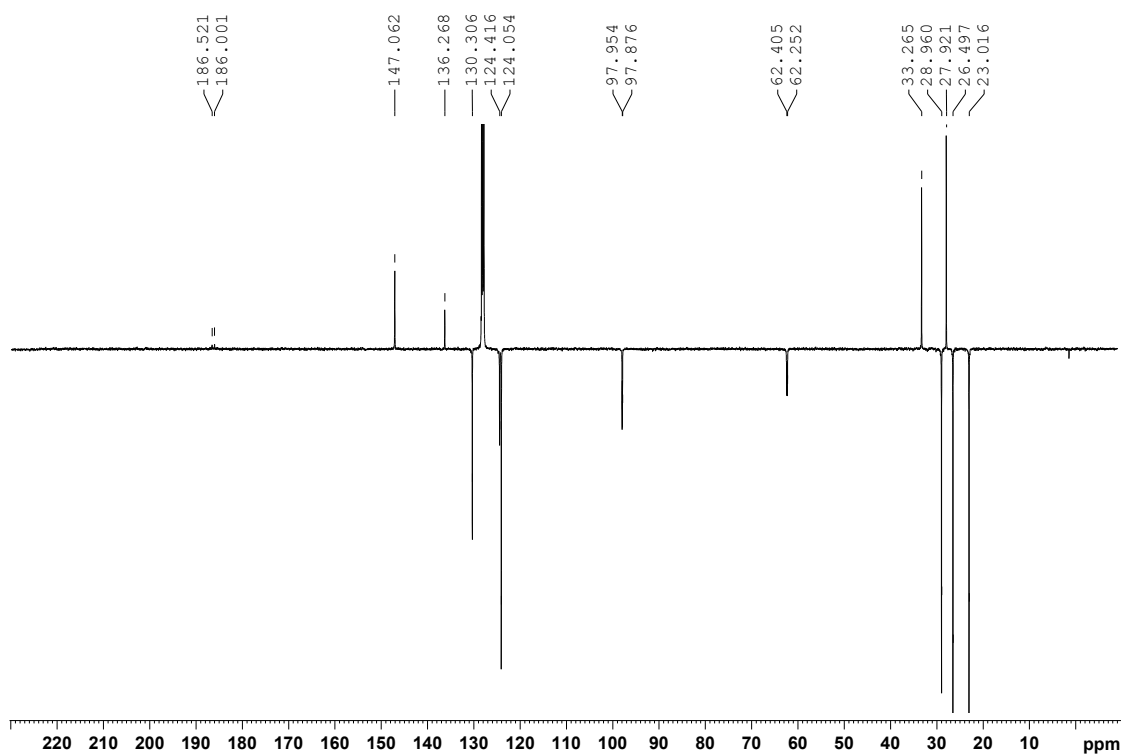


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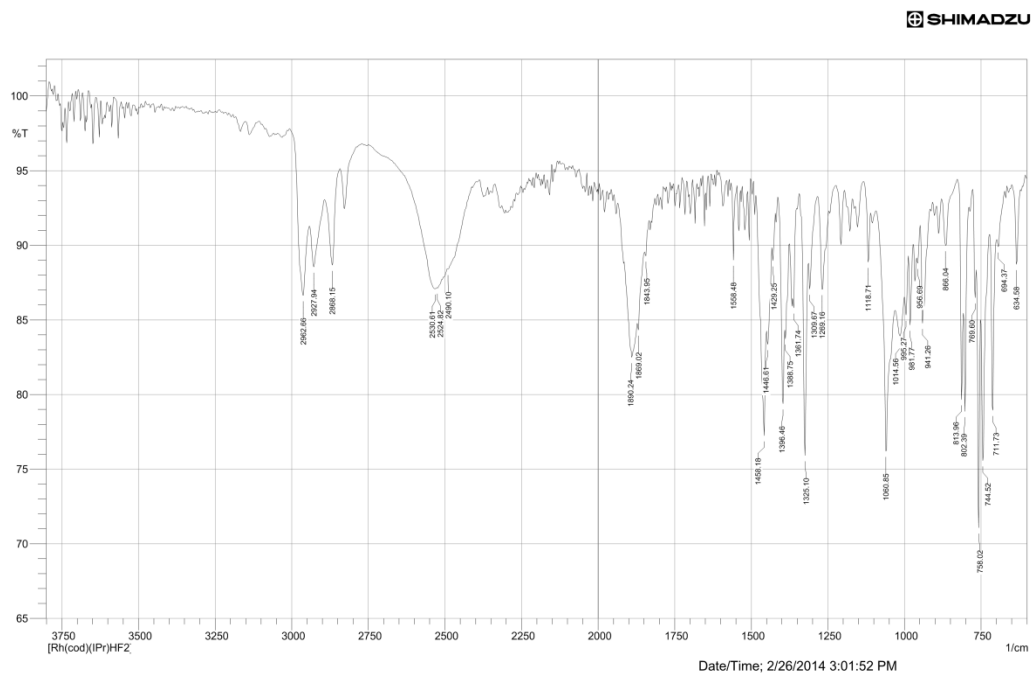
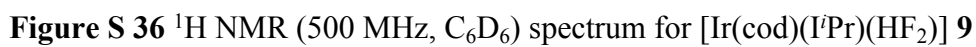


Figure S 35 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **8**



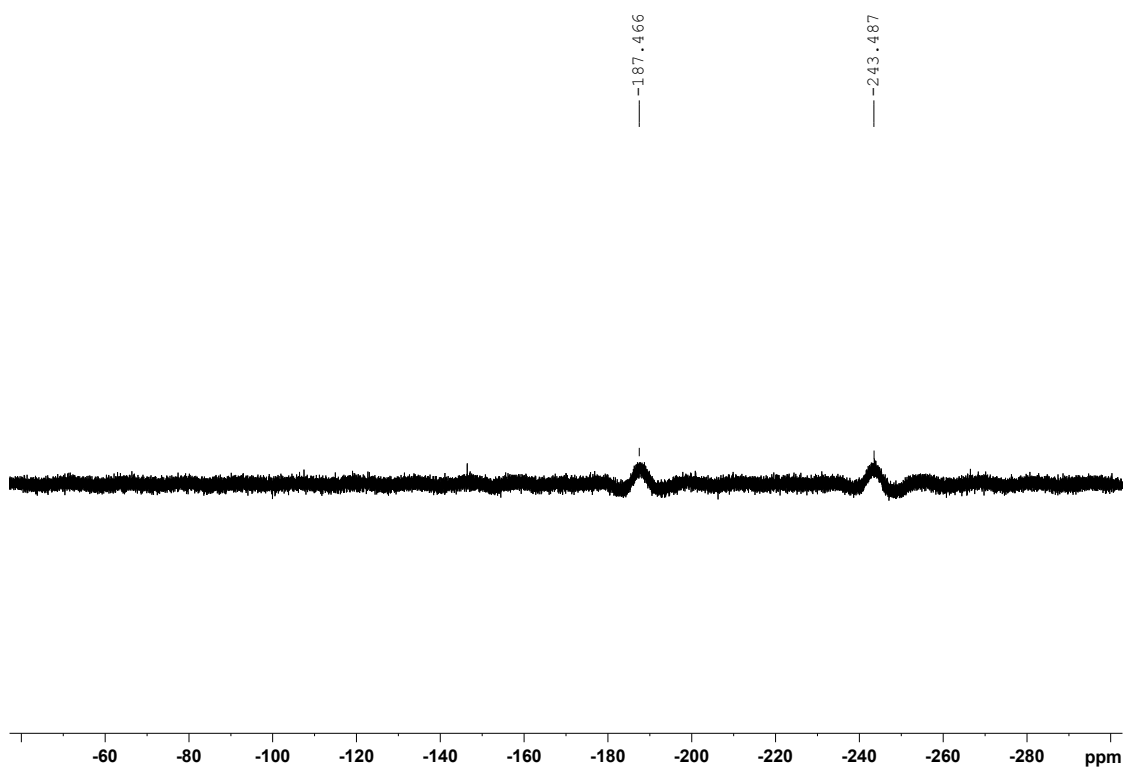


Figure S 38 ^{19}F $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (470 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{IPr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **9**

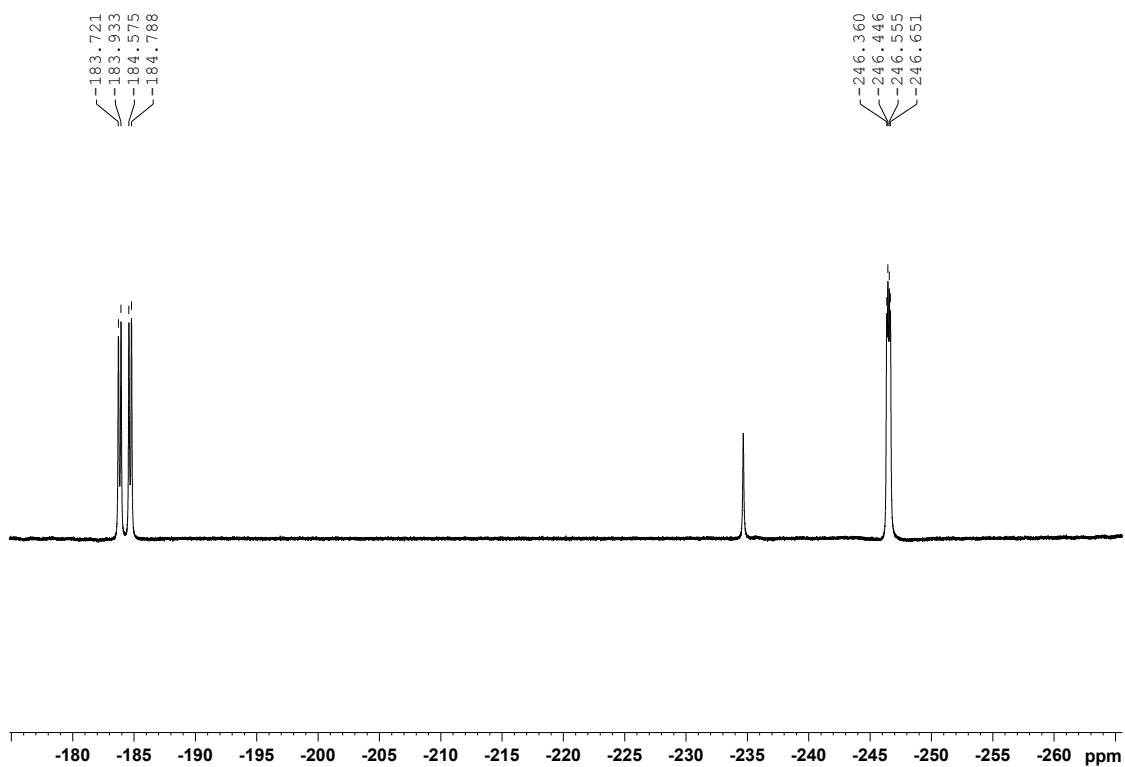


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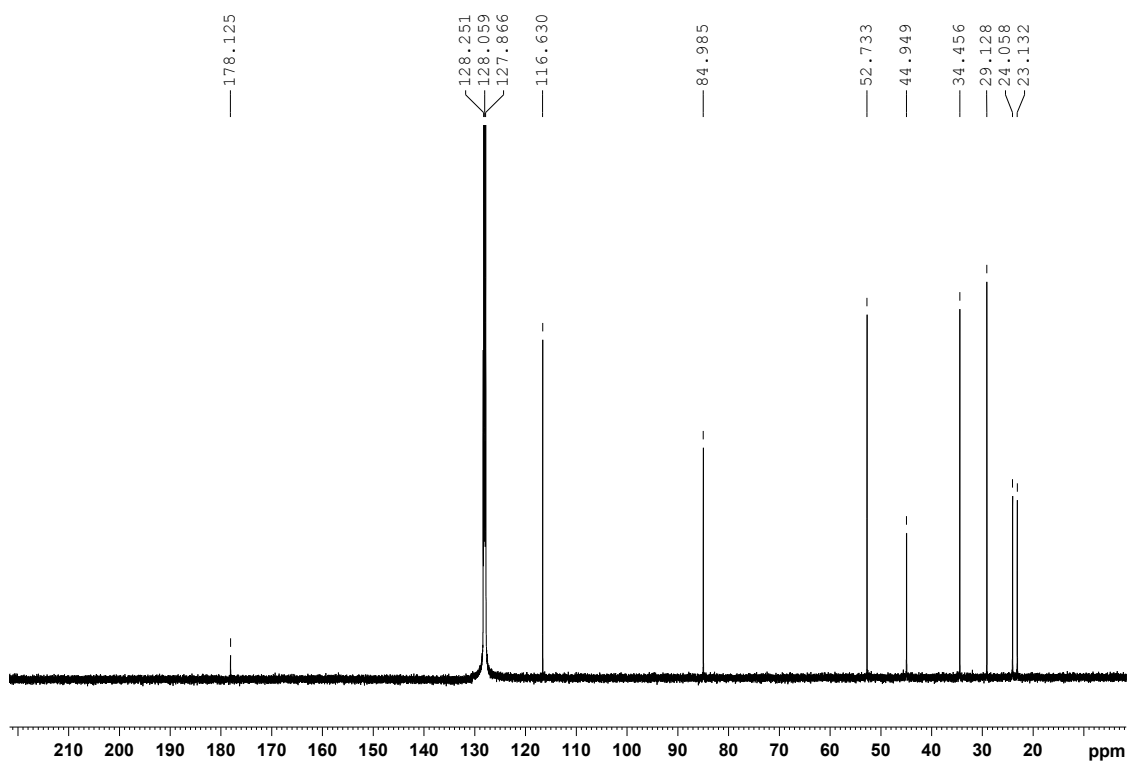


Figure S 40 ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **9**

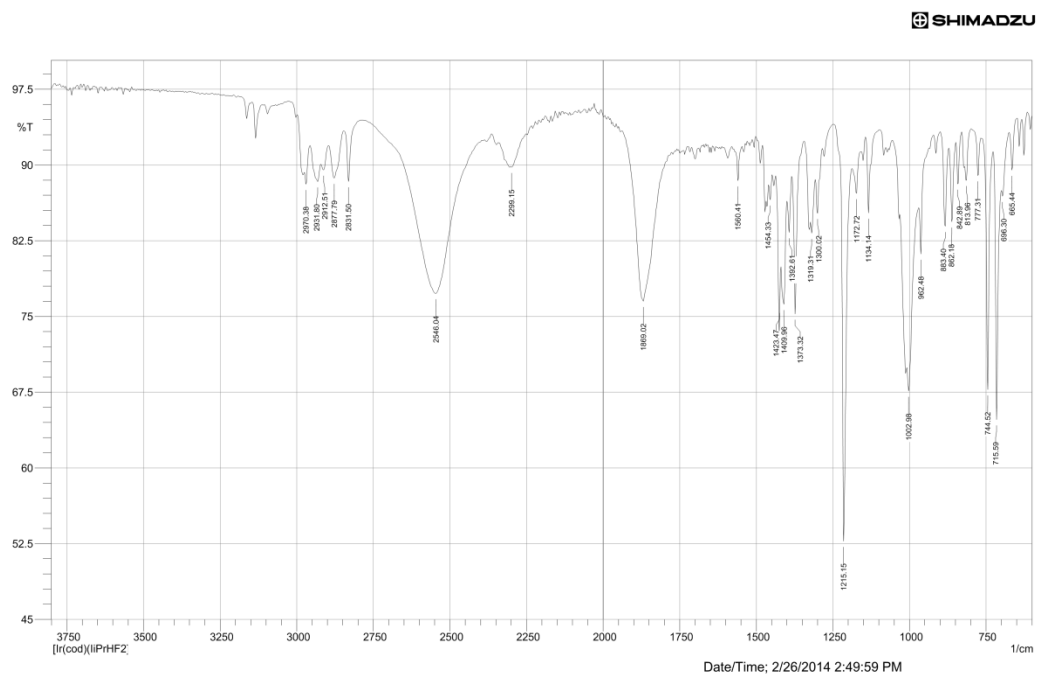


Figure S 41 FTIR (ATR) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{HF}_2)]$ **9**

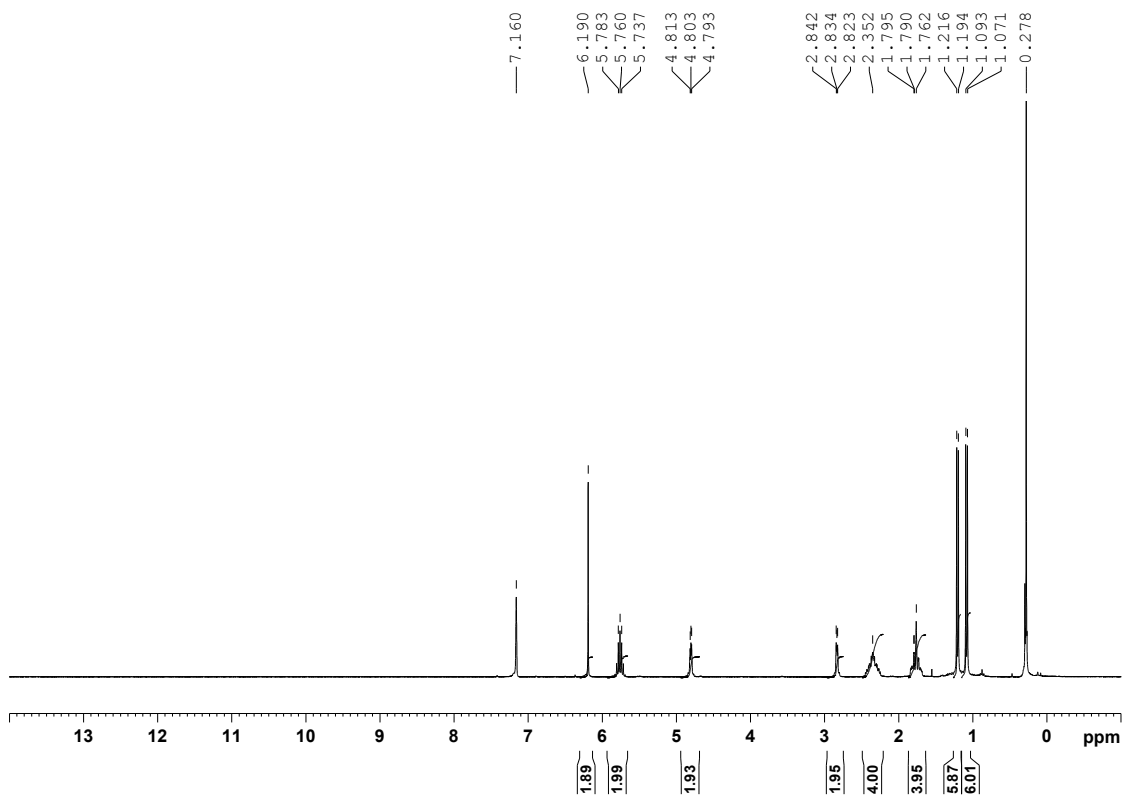


Figure S 42 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(*i*Pr)(OSiMe₃)] **10**

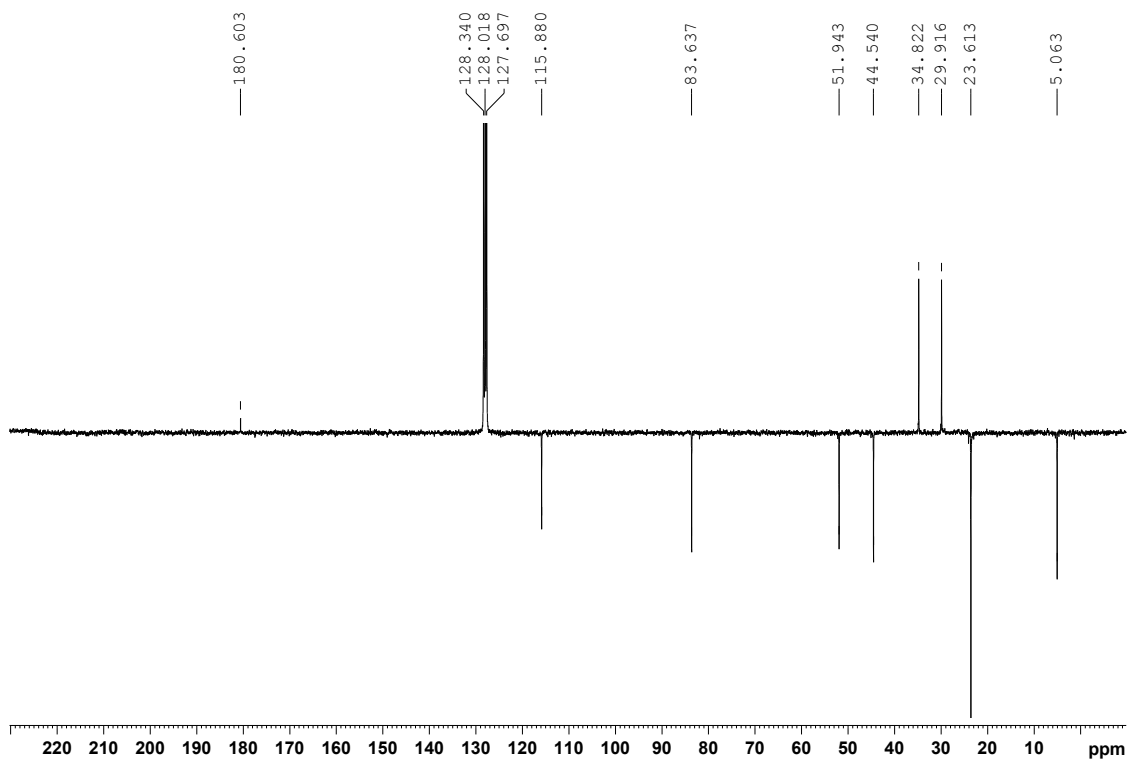


Figure S 43 ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(*i*Pr)(OSiMe₃)] **10**

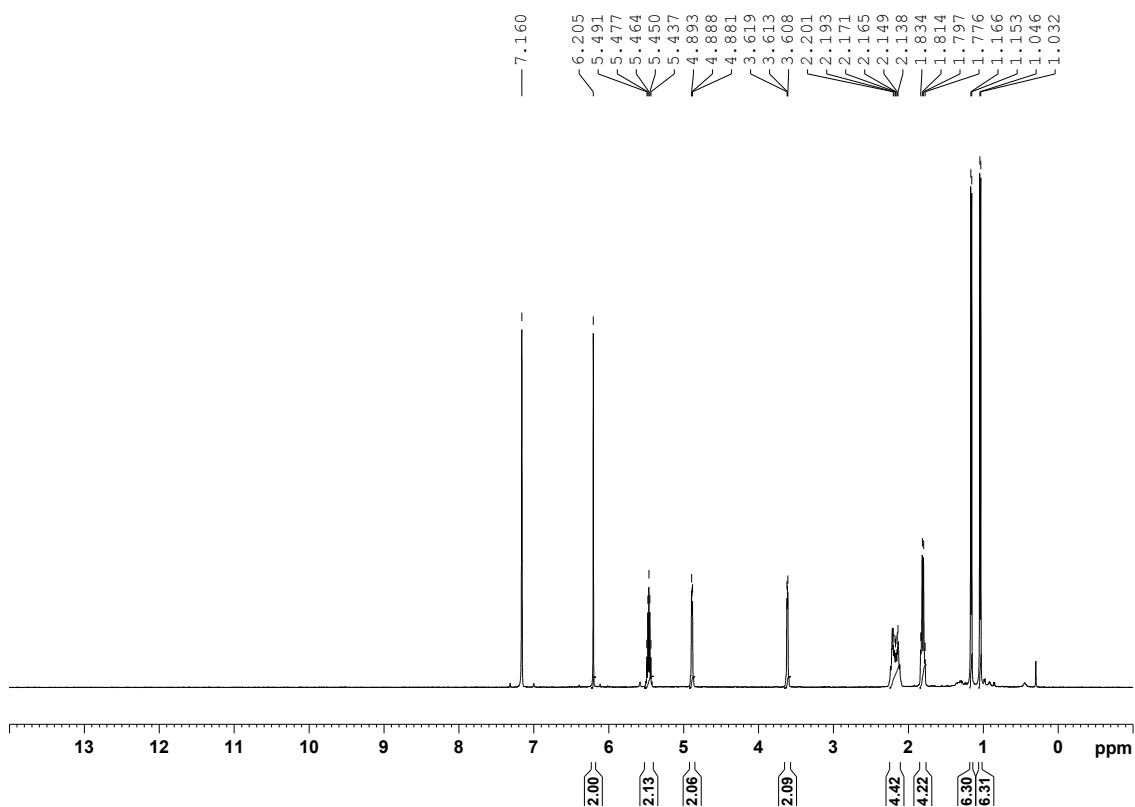


Figure S 44 ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **11**

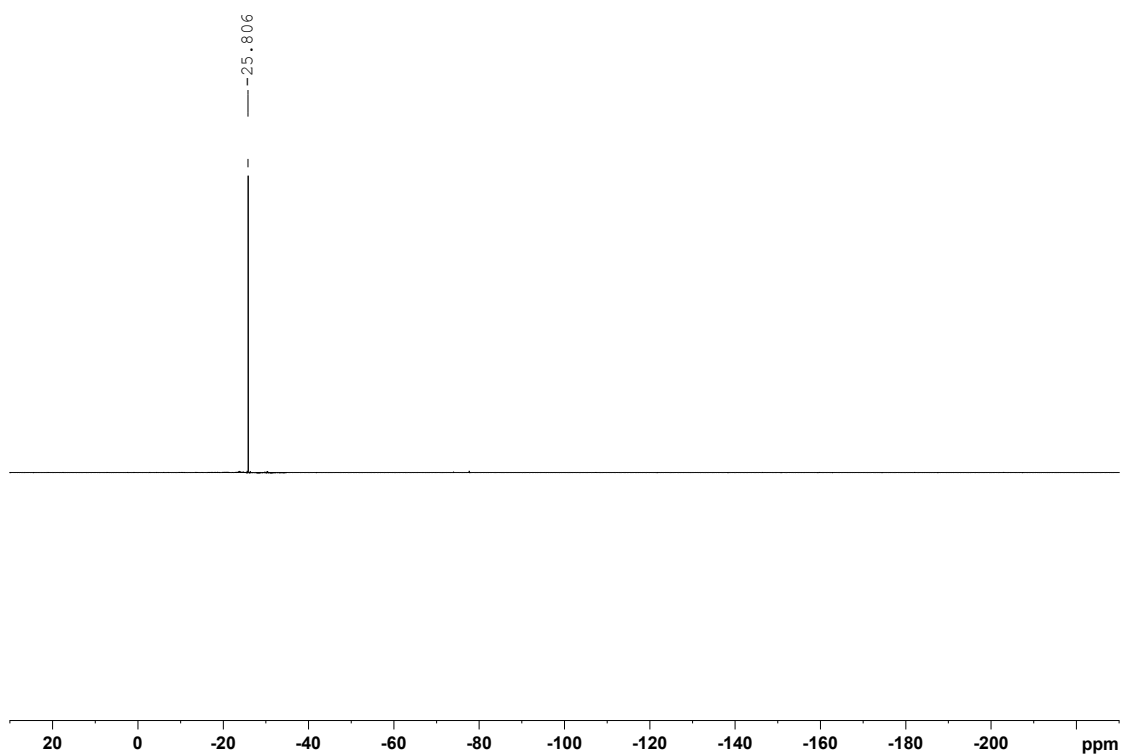


Figure S 45 $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (470 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}'\text{Pr})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **11**

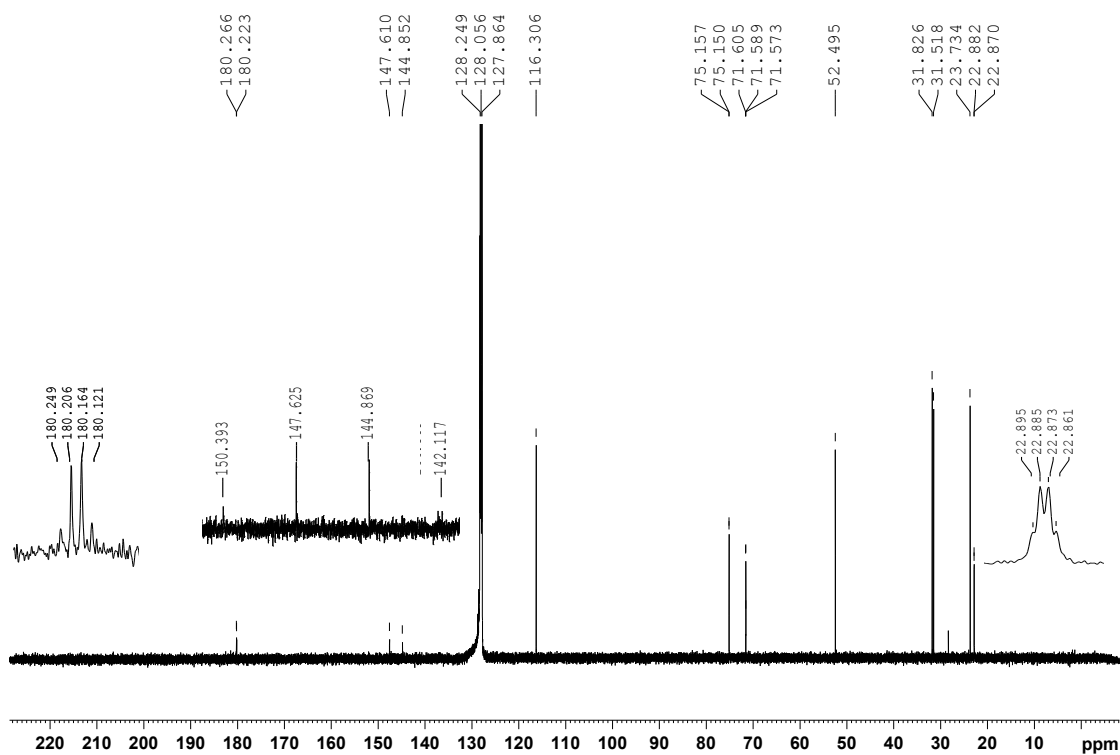


Figure S 46 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}^i\text{Pr})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **11**

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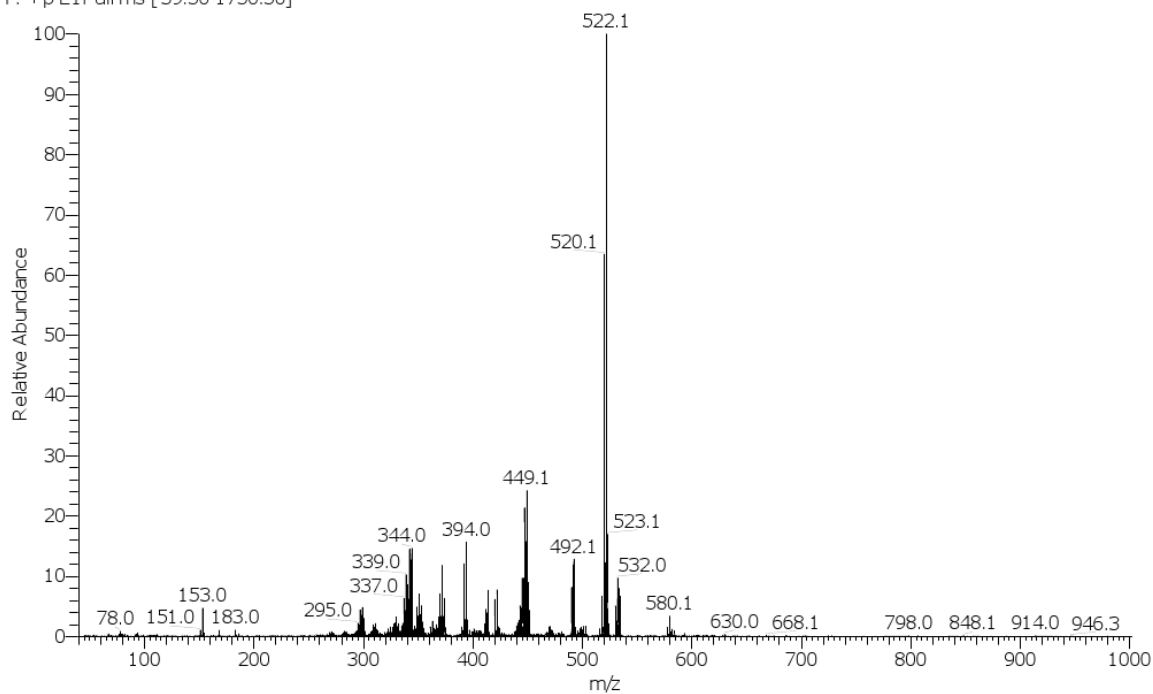


Figure S 47 Mass spectrum (+ve EI) for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{I}^i\text{Pr})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **11**

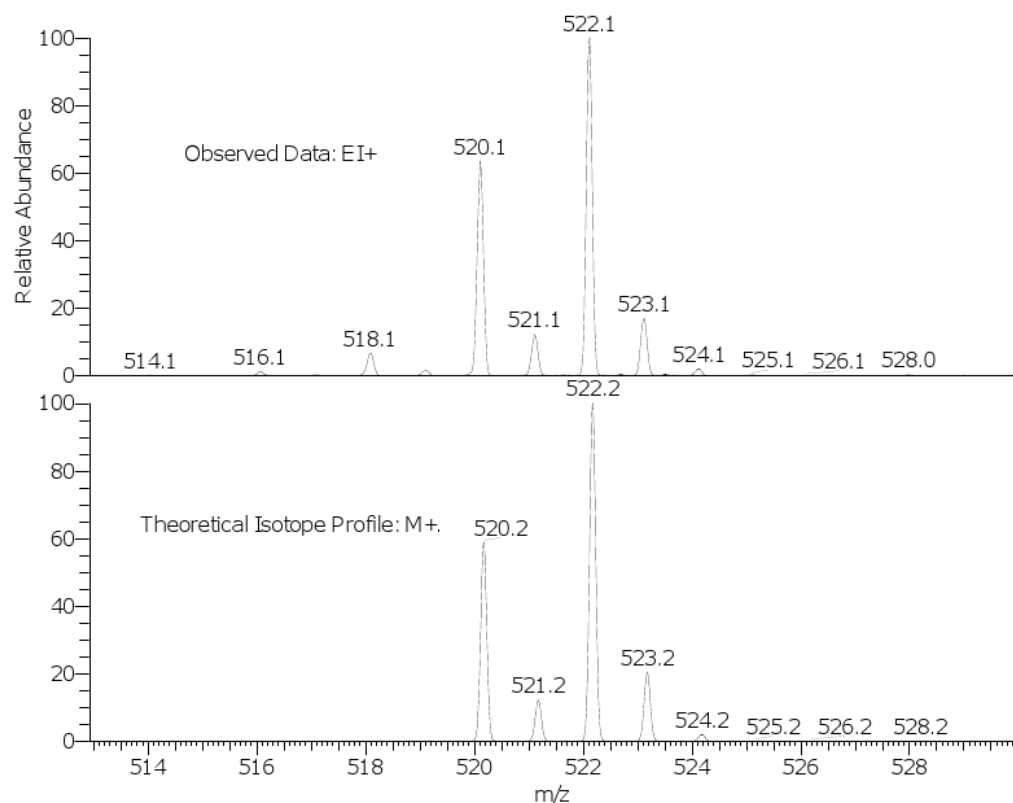


Figure S 48 Mass spectrum isotopic distribution (+ve EI) for [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(CF₃)] **11**

Isotope:	Min. . . Max.			
12 C	0. . . 80			
1 H	0. . . 120			
16 O	0. . . 12			
14 N	0. . . 12			
191 Ir	0. . . 2			
19 F	0. . . 6			
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Fits:	250		Charge: 1	

Mass	Theoretical Mass	Delta [ppm]	RDB	Composition
520.1805	520.1805	-0.0	4.5	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₃ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1805	0.1	15.0	C ₂₅ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₆
	520.1804	0.1	17.0	C ₂₉ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₂
	520.1804	0.1	22.5	C ₂₈ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₂
	520.1806	-0.2	26.0	C ₃₃ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1807	-0.3	10.5	C ₃₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₅
	520.1803	0.4	1.0	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₄ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1803	0.5	3.0	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1807	-0.5	1.0	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1803	0.5	8.5	C ₁₆ H ₂₀ N ₂ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1802	0.5	13.5	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1802	0.5	19.0	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1808	-0.6	29.5	C ₃₈ H ₂₀ N ₂
	520.1809	-0.7	22.0	C ₃₅ H ₂₀ F ₄
	520.1801	0.8	-2.5	C ₈ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₃ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1801	0.8	-0.5	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1809	-0.8	4.5	C ₁₅ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1801	0.8	5.0	C ₁₁ H ₂₀ N ₂ F ₃ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1800	0.9	4.5	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₁₀ N ₂ F ₄
	520.1800	0.9	10.0	C ₁₉ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₄
	520.1810	-0.9	2.5	C ₁₁ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1810	-0.9	-2.0	C ₁₂ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₆
	520.1800	1.0	12.0	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ O ₁₀ N ₂ F ₄
	520.1800	1.0	17.5	C ₂₂ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₄
	520.1811	-1.2	13.5	C ₁₉ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1811	-1.2	8.0	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1798	1.3	1.0	C ₁₅ H ₂₀ O ₁₀ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1798	1.3	6.5	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1812	-1.3	6.0	C ₁₆ H ₂₀ O ₂ N ₂ F ₃
	520.1812	-1.3	0.5	C ₈ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₃ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁
	520.1812	-1.4	1.0	C ₈ H ₂₀ O ₁₁ N ₂ F ₂ ¹⁹¹ Ir ₁

Figure S 49 HRMS analysis of peak 520.18601 for [Ir(cod)(I'Pr)(CF₃)] **11**

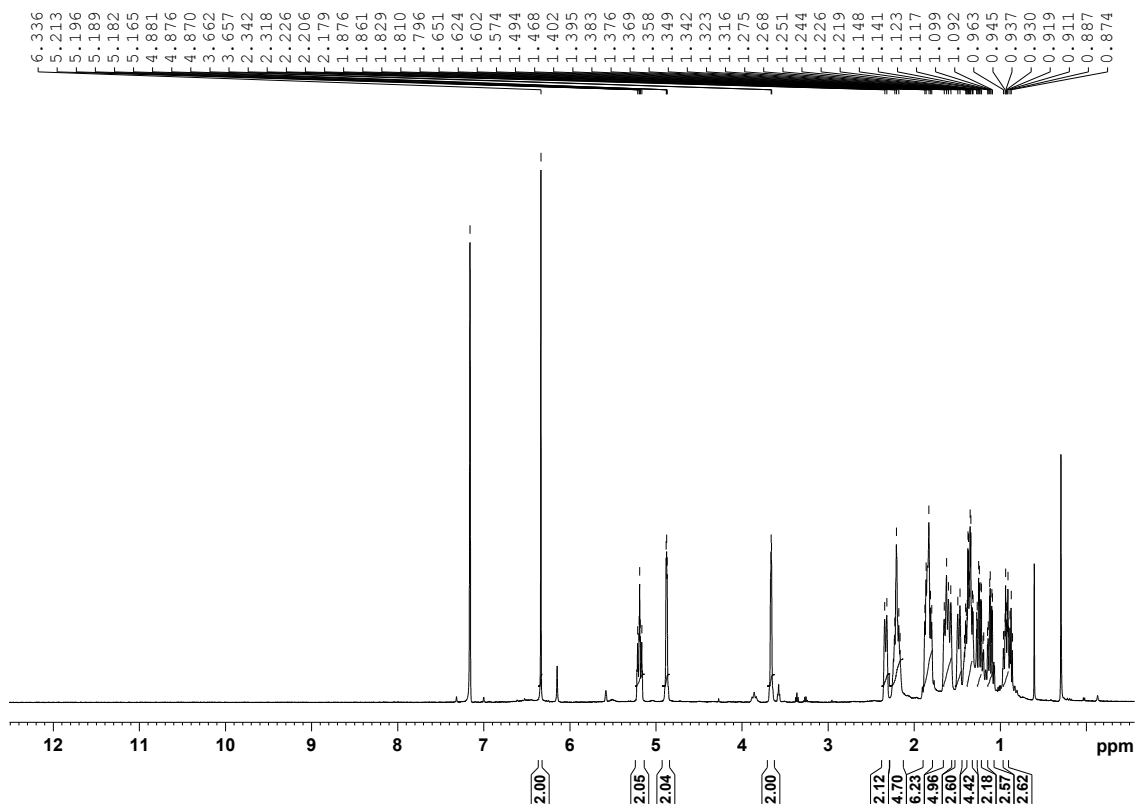


Figure S 50 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] **12**

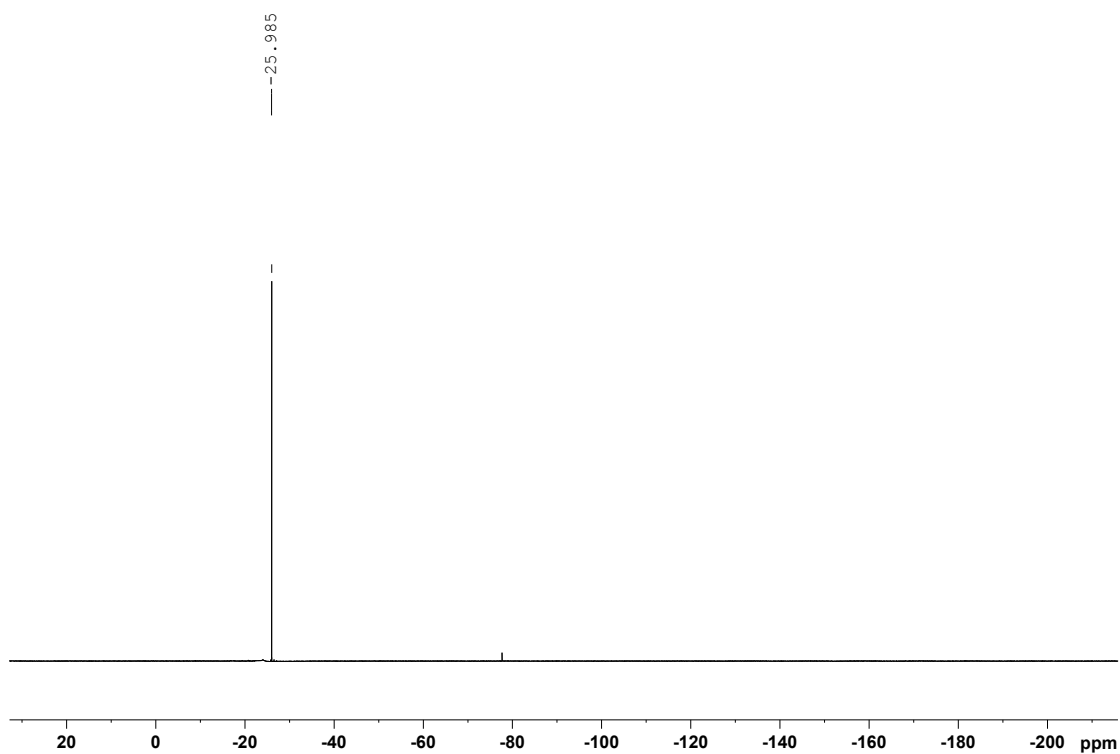


Figure S 51 ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum for [Ir(cod)(ICy)(CF₃)] **12**

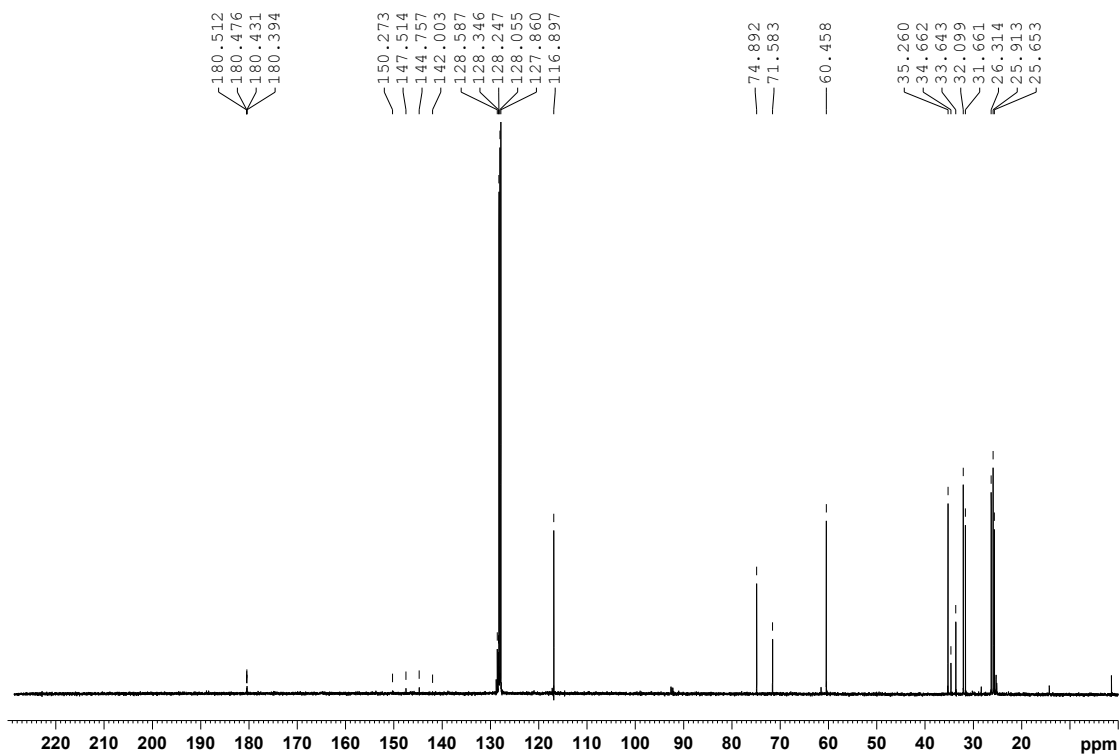


Figure S 52 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **12**

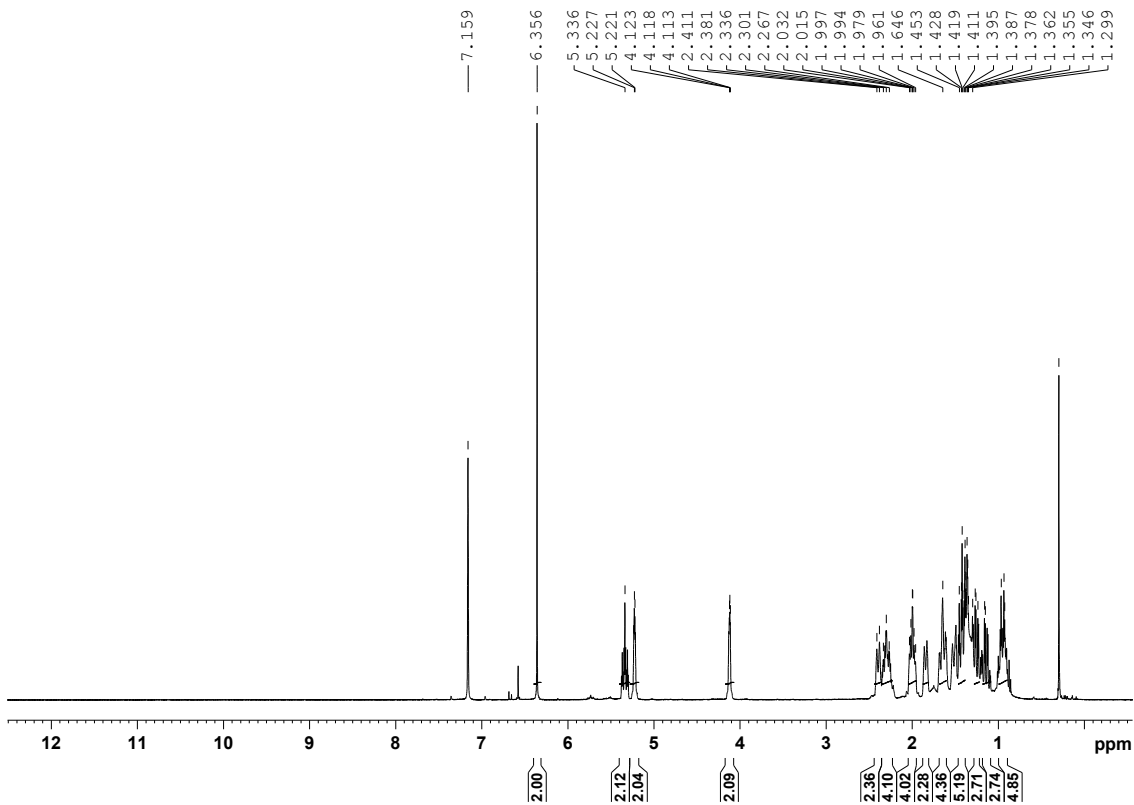


Figure S 53 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **13**

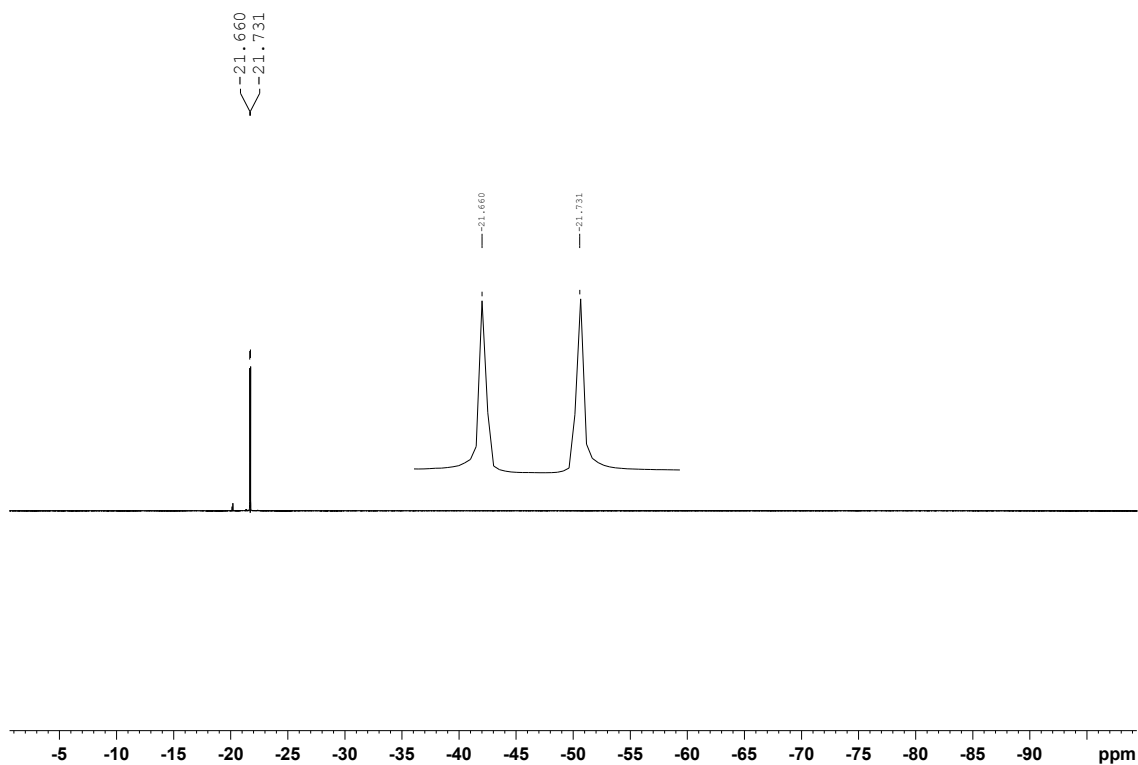


Figure S 54 $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (376 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **13**

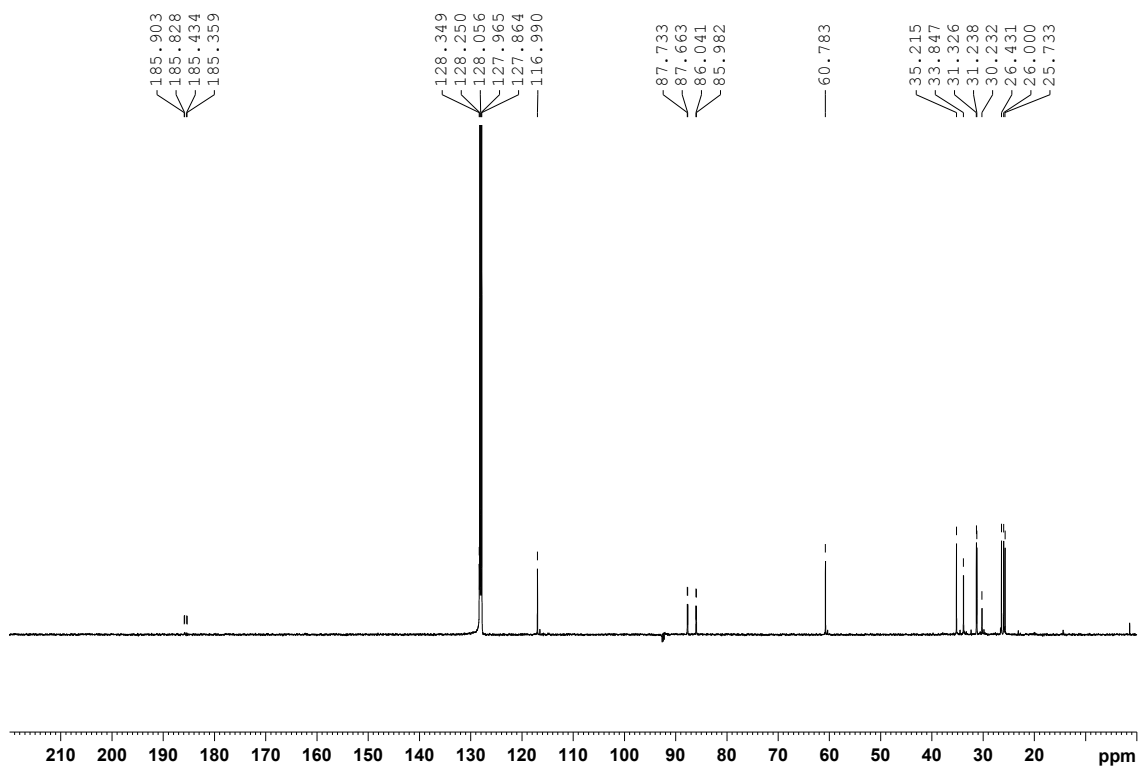


Figure S 55 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6) spectrum for $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})(\text{ICy})(\text{CF}_3)]$ **13**

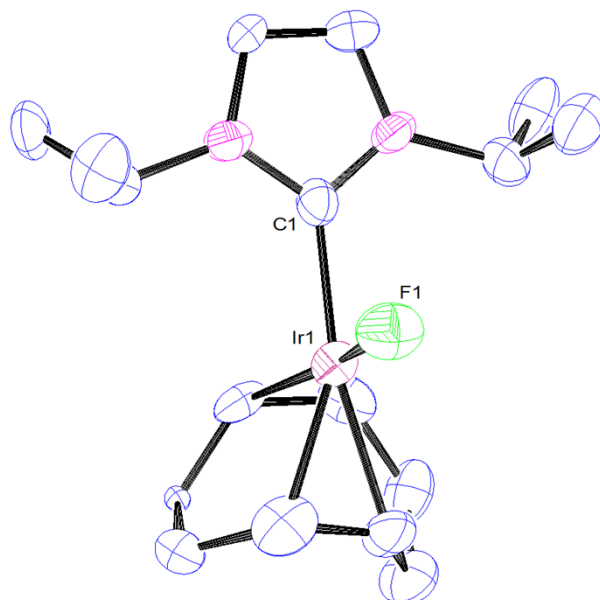


Figure S 56. Thermal ellipsoid representation of complex **3** showing 50% thermal ellipsoid probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°), numbers in parentheses are for second independent molecule: Ir(1)-C(1) 2.038(17), [2.035(16)]; Ir(1)-F(1) 2.002(10), [2.012(9)]; C(1)-Ir(1)-F(1) 88.4(5), [88.6(5)].

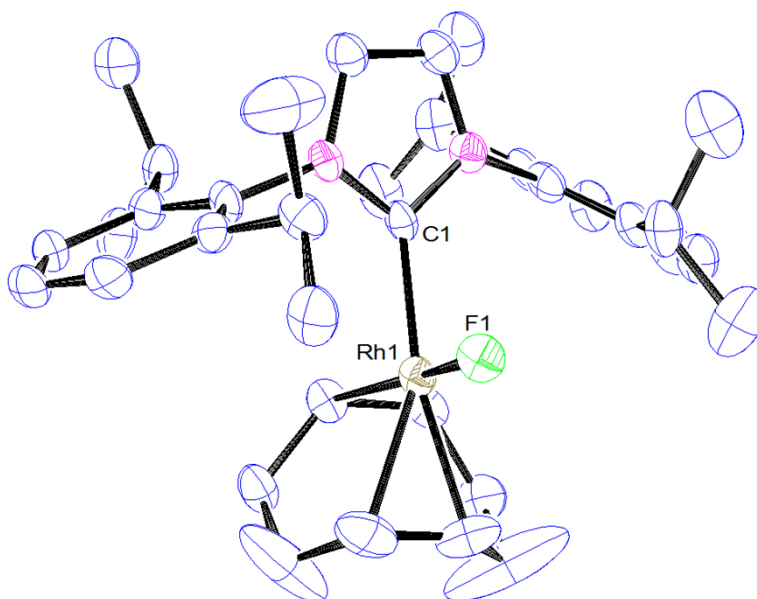


Figure S 57. Thermal ellipsoid representations of complex **6** showing 50% thermal ellipsoid probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°), numbers in parentheses are for second/third independent molecules: Rh(1)-C(1) 2.044(8), [2.063(8)], [2.035(8)]; Rh(1)-F(1) 2.028(5), [2.086(6)], [2.033(5)]; C(1)-Rh(1)-C(1) 89.1(3), [85.6(3)], [88.0(3)].

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